

John Milton Cryptograms — Set 9

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Every letter has been swapped for another letter. The same cipher letter always stands for the same letter, and no letter ever stands for itself. Write your answer in the blank under each letter. Answers are on the last page.

1. Clue: L = A

Hard · 79 letters

V U L Q G , U L Q G , U L Q G ,

L W H U Y E P A R L O P V C

D V V D , H Q Q P K V Z P Q L A R X

U L Q G , Y V Y L R P K R H J M P

S H Y E V T Y L R R E V J P V C

U L X !

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

2. Clue: R = O

Medium · 79 letters

O H O J J C I J J M R X K R H

H Q V C K I S I Y M I C H V L

Q I V Y W O K C V J I R Y L R K U ,

E Y R B R J W R Y B R W I Y K

T V Y W , O K Q V J J R Y

T R H I Y .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

3. Clue: U = T

Medium · 82 letters

U K T Y T C J G S U Y T U L Y E

M G L Y E H P , X T Y T P Z U N

N S S G R G H U T P G A K U

Y N L E M U K G C N W H R N L C

T H Y U K , U K G C W L E R U L H P

C W N U .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

4. Clue: V = E

Medium · 84 letters

M E V K D W M P R V Z K L I Y F

I W L K Z X V W M I K M E V

R P P W , B E V W K E V

L V K V Y M K M E V W Z T E M E Z L

Z W E V Y A I J I W M

Z W M V Y X D W I Y J I A V .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

5. Clue: J = S

Medium · 87 letters

G B V G L K M S G I J K ,

V G J O J H T P W J H N G S G A Z H

J Z K V J P B Z O S D H Z K

B O H G P B J , O B V N G H Z

D K O T P D M Z O B A K

I K T I S K E K J L P B O T M Z J .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Solver's cheat sheet**Most common letters**

E T A O I N S H R D L U

Most common 1-letter words

A I

Most common 2-letter wordsOF TO IN IT IS BE AS AT SO WE HE BY OR ON DO IF ME MY UP AN GO NO US
AM**Most common 3-letter words**THE AND FOR ARE BUT NOT YOU ALL ANY CAN HER WAS ONE OUR OUT DAY GET
HAS HIM HIS HOW MAN NEW NOW OLD SEE TWO WAY WHO BOY DID ITS LET PUT
SAY SHE TOO USE**Common double letters**

LL EE SS OO TT FF RR NN PP CC

Common word endings

-ING -ION -ENT -TION -LY -ED -ER -EST

After an apostrophe

T (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D (I'd)

Answer key

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1. "O dark, dark, dark, amid the blaze of noon, Irrecoverably dark, total eclipse without all hope of day!"
— John Milton, 1671, *Samson Agonistes*, Line 80 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=B B=Q C=F D=N E=H F=X G=K H=I I=J J=P K=C L=A M=S N=G O=Z P=E Q=R R=L S=W T=U U=D V=O W=M X=Y Y=T Z=V
2. "I will tell you now what never yet was heard in tale or song, From old or modern bard, in hall or bower."
— John Milton, 1637, *Comus*, Line 43 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=C B=M C=T D=P E=F F=X G=J H=W I=E J=L K=N L=S M=Y N=Z O=I P=K Q=H R=O S=V T=B U=G V=A W=D X=U Y=R Z=Q
3. "There swift return Diurnal, merely to officiate light Round this opacous earth, this punctual spot."
— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost*, Book VIII. Line 21 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=G B=X C=S D=Q E=N F=V G=I H=A I=J J=W K=H L=U M=D N=O O=K P=L Q=Z R=C S=F T=E U=T V=B W=P X=M Y=R Z=Y
4. "The sun to me is dark and silent as the moon, When she deserts the night Hid in her vacant interlunar cave."
— John Milton, 1671, *Samson Agonistes*, Line 86 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=V B=W C=P D=U E=H F=K G=B H=Z I=A J=C K=S L=D M=T N=J O=Q P=O Q=F R=M S=Y T=G U=X V=E W=N X=L Y=R Z=I
5. "In dim eclipse, disastrous twilight sheds on half the nations, and with fear of change Perplexes monarchs."
— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost*, Book I. Line 597 (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)
Cipher key: A=G B=N C=J D=F E=X F=Q G=I H=T I=P J=S K=E L=M M=C N=W O=A P=O Q=V R=Y S=L T=R U=Z V=D W=U X=B Y=K Z=H