

John Milton Cryptograms — Set 10

5 puzzles · Standard print · answers on the last page

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: N = E

Easy · 94 letters

A N L A S L S C O V D S Q W N

Y E C F Q E P Q N S Y A X F A S J N

Q S L E X Q N L N O O

A N E N P Y Q N E X D

O P C V P W O N Q A X D Z F

S C Z A Q A X H F N O Y Q S W N P

Q E C N J S N H .

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 = E

Easy · 95 letters

T I P Z D V X D U P I S D X N

Y R R F Y I W F V D N F U Y U

E R O F R O J R , V O X K R

R V W F T N O E R O E N K D R ! T I P

Z D V X P I S D X D V U Y R

X I P O V E N O Y U Y I F T R W ' E

D V M !

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: W = E

Medium · 96 letters

Q E E L V W H T S C W T K U F W

K U T H K Y M E Q D F U , Y H

K U T H K Y M V Y H E Q E D ,

G W O G H Y B K O F Q N F U F W

K L E Q V B W T H C K Y E W A W H J

C W T M T E G W A W H J

M C Y O W H .

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: R = N

Medium · 98 letters

W R I Y Z K K T R W V T R U C M ,

D P F L P G V T F Z W Z Y

N T Q W P C I R K E I N N P R B

Y W Z R K , F L ' P R U T N R I C

K W W N Y , I R K W R F L T P N

L P R B T Y B N I F T L I N Y L

F L Z R K T N .

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: M = E

Easy · 121 letters

V I R Q W M B H M K , T U E K M

C R X P R O U A Q M H M B K F W I

V E Q M K A K R X M E Q

V E L P A I R P K E C M

F M B I A M X S M I K I P A K M M K ,

E Q X Q M I C K U M K M M K ,

T U R B M E H M Q U M I X A U M

C E E P K R A K I Q F R A Q M K K .

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. "He who would not be frustrate of his hope to write well hereafter in laudable things ought himself to be a true poem."

— John Milton, 1642, *An Apology for Smectymnuus* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "How gladly would I meet Mortality my sentence, and be earth Insensible! how glad would lay me down as in my mother's lap!"

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost*, Book X. Line 775 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "Innumerable as the stars of night, Or stars of morning, dewdrops which the sun Impearls on every leaf and every flower."

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost*, Book V. Line 745 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "On a sudden open fly, With impetuous recoil and jarring sound, Th' infernal doors, and on their hinges grate Harsh thunder."

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost*, Book II. Line 879 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Fairy elves, Whose midnight revels by a forest side or fountain some belated peasant sees, Or dreams he sees, while overhead the moon Sits arbitress."

— John Milton, 1667, *Paradise Lost*, Book I. Line 781 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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