

Shakespeare Cryptograms — Set 46

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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 = E

Medium · 108 letters

O J L S O C S B L P M B ,

I B K S I O G S Z J S B

J I Y S B X O V Z J I

N L M L E I O Q M L B Q F

O L I O , S H I E E Q J L S G

O I B K M L G L A L I G E ,

Q J L M I Q L G B L Z Q I G ,

I B K Q J L G P Z U O

A V G L X P E 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

2. Clue: T = H

Hard · 109 letters

T Z J T B I U C I D S

T I D S V F C T F O B D

I D S V F C T W U B B ; W F U

L T I C T B T I J T B

X Z Y B J , L T I C

C T Z D N J T B J T F L J ;

P B C X Z Y B J T B D F C

C Z H H Q M S X K B D C

X M Z S B T Z J V F M D C P .

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: D = E

Easy · 109 letters

Y H P W U C D T N D P G V U

V G S K C N Q T D D K, N H U

E K D D I N D U I S U C N H J

E F C V I K S G P; N D

N D O Z C N D J

U H A T D P I D V O O C S S

Z D V K, - G H C N C N V C

N D I V O O D Z C N D

C V H O S K O S G P.

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: G = I

Medium · 112 letters

U K S P W A O E Y A B W M I

Z T I D S G V Y

Z Q B W M G Z S Y Y T, M Q B M

H I I S O O Q I P S X E Y

O I

X Y Y N - Z I W M Y U N S B M G

L Y ; B W X G X G X

S B P A Q O B W O

G W M Y T U G O O G I W B W

Q I P T E K Q G O X G B S .

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: V = E

Easy · 112 letters

R L R B N D X N I V C V X

C G F F G X B, K C N S F C

K C G K C V X O V T T V T

A V X V P Z B V G X

C V G X K - T K X R Q F T, R

' J B A C R T K J V C V X

N L L G Q B J V K C V X

B N A Q K C V A R Q B, K N

D X V Z G K L N X K S Q 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

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 words	OF 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. "She is mine own, And I as rich in having such a jewel as twenty seas, if all their sand were pearl, The water nectar, and the rocks pure gold."

— William Shakespeare, 1591, *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*, Act II. Sc. 4 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "His heart and hand both open and both free; For what he has he gives, what thinks he shows; Yet gives he not till judgment guide his bounty."

— William Shakespeare, 1602, *Troilus and Cressida*, Act IV. Sc. 5 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "King Stephen was a worthy peer, His breeches cost him but a crown; He held them sixpence all too dear, - With that he called the tailor lown."

— William Shakespeare, 1604, *Othello*, Act II. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "My lungs began to crow like chanticleer, That fools should be so deep-contemplative; And I did laugh sans intermission an hour by his dial."

— William Shakespeare, 1600, *As You Like It*, Act II. Sc. 7 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "If I do prove her haggard, Though that her jesses were my dear heart-strings, I 'ld whistle her off and let her down the wind, To prey at fortune."

— William Shakespeare, 1604, *Othello*, Act III. Sc. 3 (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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