

William Cowper Cryptograms — Set 2

6 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: M = E

Hard · 60 letters

R P M T L N M I D V W G I Q M X P

Q W J B L R D J I Q M W P H D A

Q M P N W K J X A X O M J I W J B

W Z A L V O W L T 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

2. Clue: A = T

Easy · 62 letters

Q T N X X S A A N U Z K Q A G

T Q E O A Q X A G O V S S I , N

Y Q X O B H R R - F O X A U O I N X

A G N A ' R N U U B O V Y H I O .

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: N = O

Hard · 62 letters

U C I D C S C T O C S X I W N H

Z W U C I K N N L I S N M N G X ,

Z H S D U X T W N H L T N M L , C S

T X O X P C I E S U N G 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

4. Clue: Z = S

Medium · 62 letters

E V F I O X Q F Z E K E D P C

D C E D K E V D Z G W D C

C E V I Z , E Z L Z X O X Z Z F N

F D M W X Z E Z F N F D

Z D E V I Z .

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: D = L

Expert · 63 letters

L H F P B Q O Y G L M D

H X N F L V M O B S D E S H F X Q ,

D M A Y T M G G Y X D B J N Q M X

L D G Q Y N H D W T F B D H F X Q .

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

6. Clue: A = S

Medium · 64 letters

U H C A Q V L A A I Q P G U V

Q V W R Y L U P Q P A G L L Z A

X C K V Q A G L A U Z I U T A R Q Z

X R K Q P A R I V I G L L Z A .

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

Answer key

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1. "Presume to lay their hand upon the ark of her magnificent and awful cause."

— William Cowper, 1785, *The Task*, Book II. *The Timepiece*. Line 231 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

2. "I cannot talk with civet in the room, A fine puss-gentleman that's all perfume."

— William Cowper, 1782, *Poems (1782)*, *Conversation*. Line 283 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

3. "His wit invites you by his looks to come, But when you knock, it never is at home."

— William Cowper, 1782, *Poems (1782)*, *Conversation*. Line 303 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

4. "An idler is a watch that wants both hands, As useless if it goes as if it stands."

— William Cowper, 1782, *Poems (1782)*, *Retirement*. Line 681 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

5. "Our wasted oil unprofitably burns, Like hidden lamps in old sepulchral urns."

— William Cowper, 1782, *Poems (1782)*, *Conversation*. Line 357 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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

6. "A business with an income at its heels Furnishes always oil for its own wheels."

— William Cowper, 1782, *Poems (1782)*, *Retirement*. Line 614 (in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*, 9th ed., 1891)

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