

William Wordsworth Cryptograms — Set 1

6 puzzles · Large 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: C = E

Expert · 40 letters

P V C Z R X F E T K L T S C I

R F Q W T C I, R F Q

A T M C A D X I P V C

Z T I C .

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: U = A

Medium · 43 letters

U J U H H I I G Y O J , U Z R

O J P L B G N R U C P L X

W P U Y O L M Y N U Z R

M B P P .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

Medium · 43 letters

T D K C F A A P C Z K L O ,

T U P L A P X F O X J A F O

O U U K H C , T H L

U O M U P B O .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

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

Medium · 44 letters

Y T K H D K K Y K H Y

Y T B Q O Y T J Y K A K N

O N K D G K H B X K J

T Z S J Q X E E 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: B = O

Medium · 47 letters

J I J K B L O K J H W O

X B C W H N B B V , G N T

T H Q E W O N

C J E E J V - O W H Q T X ' O

R B 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

6. Clue: L = E

Hard · 47 letters

O D F Z V C D F

V E M M D C L F U L S I L I

O B L U O L F M V V R

M B S U O B L U O L F V S I .

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. "The rainbow comes and goes, And lovely is the rose."

— William Wordsworth, 1807, *Poems in Two Volumes, Ode. Intimations of Immortality. Stanza 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

2. "A happy youth, and their old age is beautiful and free."

— William Wordsworth, 1800, *Lyrical Ballads (1800), The Fountain* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

3. "A light to guide, a rod to check the erring, and reprove."

— William Wordsworth, 1807, *Poems in Two Volumes, Ode to Duty* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

4. "The sweetest thing that ever grew beside a human door."

— William Wordsworth, 1800, *Lyrical Ballads (1800), Lucy Gray. Stanza 2* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

5. "A famous man is Robin Hood, The English ballad-singer's joy."

— William Wordsworth, 1807, *Poems in Two Volumes, Rob Roy's Grave* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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

6. "Wisdom is oftentimes nearer when we stoop than when we soar."

— William Wordsworth, 1814, *The Excursion, Book III* (in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891*)

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