SECOND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRYPTOGRAMS

(FIRST YEAR DIDN'T COUNT)

So here's how it works. Each of the numbered messages below has been encoded from some original English text by replacing one letter consistently by another throughout the message. Thus, for example, GLOOMY TIME could turn into CHEERS WORK, with G becoming C, L becoming H, etc. Different messages have different encodings. Your job is to discover the original messages. It can happen that there will be words you won't find in a dictionary, but such words will be rare. Long messages are often easier to decode than short ones, because there are likely to be common words in them, such as "the," "and," etc. The first few messages have a Christmas theme, but then they go farther afield. Good luck, and have fun. Answers are available from wright@uoregon.edu.

1. BIG HI HEA MITZY! HEA ZITY DO KISA;
   ZAH ARTHE TAKADWA EAT CDXL;
   ZAH AWATG EARTH UTAURTA EDS TIIS,
   RXY EARWAX RXY XRHPTA ODXL.
   – R YIMXOKRZA KRTIZ

2. GRINCH CRASH, SLIP CRASH!
   GSNWSNEFG TODXN DH HSN GRASH.
   AILERNG GHNEDY UELY SNDZNC DUDE
   SNDZNCIP SLGHG GRCA DIINIORD,
   KSERGH HSN GDZRLE RG VLEC!
   KSERGH HSN GDZRLE RG VLEC.
   – UEDCB AEOVNE

3. EFU KCYMY PYMY LF KCY VERY HGDFKMS
   VCYWCYMUV EALULFO LF KCY NLYIU, TYYWLF0
   PEKHG GXYM KCYLM NIGHT AS FLOCK.
   – VELFK IDTY
4. HIS, PA, LUK HIOKP AT LUK PAWS RHEK FNAI LUKE, HIS LUK OPAWM AT LUK PAWS QUAIK WAFIS HJAFL LUKE; HIS LUKM GKWK QAWK HTWHYS.
   - EAWK PFZK

5. HEVP NEJRKLOZN, CXNP NEJRKLOZN JYRNNRJ ES MBOEJLP NVPOR.
   ES VMR LEY VMRYR’N L GRROEST BG HMYENVALN.
   HMEOJYRS OLXTMEST IRBIOR ILNNEST
   ARVVEST NAEOR LGVRY NAEOR
   LSJ BS RD’YP NVYRRV HBYSRY PBX’OO MRLY
   - NEODRY CROON

6. TREBLY FLEET, TREBLY FLEET.
   RG’T MUYRTGPIT GRPL RS GUL MRGK.
   YRSHE-ERSH, ULIY GULP TRSH.
   TAAS RG JREE FL MUYRTGPIT WIK.
   - TUAOOLY’T IMMAPOISRPLSG

7. MEN USWWSL FIWRA ENW.
   MEN USWWSL CEW RLM.
   USWWSL CEW VENW.
   O’B WSDDOCK MEN FAM.
   PICWI RDINP OP REBOCK WE WEFC.
   - I FELT WE WAS FOPS

2003 Christmas cryptograms -- answers from wright@uoregon.edu
8. ONANG RGEVERECN U YUO MOVES HIM JUAN LUSPNW U YESN EO JET TJINT. KH VJNO HIM LESS KN U YESN ULUH UOW LESS JUAN JET TJINT.
- VJN TIMS LJI JUT VJN SUTV SUMFJ

9. GLACKIT GBNLAY CUT WATWBATP SHIP.
[BOCKBEER, UT YBHP “OUBIOT,” XKC RLK FILM ULM CUTFY GATIOU BAT.]
- ELKHY WBYCTKA

10. HAD I NOEL AH INN LUV TIME LVRUPANASM UIE HIONVB LA OJCDAWV LUV XQINOLM AH NOHV, CNVIEV CDVEE LUDVV.
- INORV ZIUP

11. YNLGYGMGEOG PR HIGH VNGEJI LW HIU GNH LW ODPEM XIPJI JLERPRHR PE AUND EUGNOD QJUPAPEM DLTN WNPUEQR XPHILTH STPHU QJUPAPEM DLTN UEUBPUR.
- W.B. JLNEWLNQ (GR STLHUQ VD HUQ MTY, GR STLHUQ VD BLOOD PAPER)

12. GTI XEGTIXEGAOAEU TEN SIEOTIL GTI TADTING SPUD WU GTI HELLIS WJ TPXEU PULISNGEULAUD.
- TEKIHWOM IHHAN, GTI LEUOI WJ HAJI