FOURTH 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 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. Sometimes a word in the encoded message gives a hint about the true message. 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 messages are not necessarily listed in order of increasing difficulty. All but one are in English. The first few messages have a Christmas theme; they get more secular later. Good luck, and have fun.

Answers are available from wright@uoregon.edu.

1. COCK UP C IC PVHL, PT FLUX NTL DUE XHS, MDH AUMMAH ATLS WHERE ACUS STOP DUE EOHHM DH CS. MDH EMCLE UP MDH XLUVDM EBK ATTBHS STOP ODHLH DH ACK, MDH AUMMAH ATLS WHERE CEAHHY TP MDH DCK.
   – PHTPCMCA FCLTA

2. WE HAD YOUTH SIR WY BAUOTHVIT VR HULD CWPD TDEH HW VD I MIUHUOSXD OE I MDIU HUDD.
   – NOUS YIEBODU
3. YOU AMPLY SEUF YOU ISKUF VMV LIR
TIL YE QUPYIMS HEEP LOUHOUPL MS
AMUFVL IL YOUR FIR.
— PUHUYMGMGU QIPEF

4. NOEL, NOEL EL GOIENL NOY BEST,
POUR LOYDOYIML THWIM WSM WSTYKL LEST;
OWLNY, OWLNY, NU AIEST OER KWHM,
NOY AWAY, NOY LUS UV RWIC.
— PEKKEWR GOWNNYINUS MEZ

5. BUY ME YOB WITH AYTUUYA AOMEUYO YOU
UNUTSIAYMER SMROY. YOU OVCUA IEW LUITA
VL ISS YOU BUITA ITU GUY ME YOUU
YVEMROY.
— EUIT UIAY KOTMAYGIA AVER

6. TAULOU VYAUMUL MTUOY OHYEDCXTROUL,
QURYOU, QURYOU YR GUOXMUXUD.
RTOED QYAOU, HUIUD TRIUMPHED:
QURYOU TAPHUDEL, QURYOU TAPHUDEL
QURYOU TAPHUDEL APDYRED
— OXU MTOYR QUHLYPR
7. CYDRAK PYM SAYS: VW OATUH PUVI.
VIADA UM HW SLOV PIYVANAD YOWLV VIYV.
VIA DATUMVAD WX IUM OLDUVR PYM MUTHAS
OK VIA GRADTKCYH, VIA GRADE, VIA
LHSADVYEAD, YHS VIA GIUAX CWLDHAD.
MGDWWT A MUTHAS UV.
- GIYDRAM SUGEAHM

8. GO THBUMSGMA LO WHSPHMKHT, KNH
UPPLMH UP WSHOLTHEK SHWSHOHEKO, BUSH
GET BUSH MRUOHRA, KNH LEEHS OUDR UP
KNH WHUWRH. UE OUBH ISHGK GET IRUSLUDO
TGA KNH WRGLE PURVO UP KNH RGET CLRR
SHGMN KNHLS NHGSK'O THOLSH GK RGOK GET
KNH CNLKH NUDOH CLRR YH GTUSEHT YA G
TUCESLINK BUSUE. - N RBHEMVHE

9. ALLYFREE GLXFOIHT YPH YCL CLUTY
YPOIST RFLDY RXHUOGR: OY OT MOLEHIGH
KDIGYDRYHV FN GLXXOYYHH XHHYOIST.
- SHLUSH COEE

2004 Christmas cryptograms -- answers from wright@uoregon.edu
10. IFN YMISTYMW PTHNAYRNYI DSWW
   ANPMAE SI MC SIC KSACI MYE KTANRTC
   EVIL IT ANHSHN SY IFN YMISTY IFN
   CUSASI TK VYSIL MYE OTTUNAMISTY. SI
   DSWW UANCNAHN MYE ENKNYE IFTCN ZMCSO
   UASYOSUWNC TY DFSOF TVA YMISTY FMC
   ZNNY ZVSWI. SI ANPMAEC OFASCISMYSL MC
   IFN KVYEMISTY TK TVA YMISTYMW
   RTAMWSIL, MYE IFN KMRSWL MC IFN ZMCSC
   TK YMISTYMW WSKN.
   — METWUF FSIWNA

11. HER MERYERUB ONTOLM HUARM HI
   YRUMPORR HER MERRY HEOH HERAU
   ASHRURMHM OSB EAM ITS OUR HER MOWR.
   — MHRSBON (WOUAR ERSUA GRLENR)

12. PECYCREAFA FIELD FINS WON
   PECKINGEFAFA, PECKINGEFAFA FIELD FINS
   WON TISAEKWY KINGEAFA, TISAEKWY
   KINGEAFA FIELD FINS WON TISAEKEAFA,
   TISAEKEAFA FIELD FINS WON RCUA, WLU
   RCU FIELD DA IN EA W GWFINGWFKEKWL.
13. MASTS UP PEBSMAUIN WOPRUIOMUIN OVELM PRUISIRS. EIS NSMP PLRA DAEKSPOKS TSMLTIP EW REIZSRMLTS ELM EW PLRA OMTUWKUIN UIGSPMBSIM EW WORM. – BOTH MDOWI

14. YOU FREUD A SUPFWU, YOU WFDU A SUPFWU TOF A GW. – SK CHABBUD