TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRYPTOGRAMS

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,” “that,” etc. The messages are not necessarily listed in order of increasing difficulty. 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. These pages themselves, as well as puzzles from previous years, can be found at http://pages.uoregon.edu/wright/cryptos.

1. UC LYVCE PUC MILVA MSPU PLYPU
ORA WLOGC
ORA DONCE PUC ROPSIRE XLIFC
PUC WVISCE IK USE LSWUPCIYERCE
ORA MIRACLE IK USE VIIFC
ORA MIRACLE IK USE VIIFC
ORA MIRACLE, MIRACLE, IK USE VIIFC.
— FCLEC KIYL

2. NO E00E LDH GNOU LDH'WO
EX00SMUA.
NO JUDGE GNOU LDH'WO RGRJO.
NO JUDGE MK LDH'TO POOU PRY DW
ADDY,
ED PO ADDY KDW ADDYUOE ERJO!
— VRJO GRWUMUA!

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3. AWK WRECK BUC SKUO UOP SUOX
Y CHREA ZOK CKKJKP WYC SRA
WK TRA YOAR U PEYHAKP GUOX
UOP AWKO BK TRA ZDCRA.
– ROK - WRECK SUDCK

4. IOH NO HALTING N DUBAH VP KAIH.
"SKAGA NL OU TAIMA UO AIGSK," N LINH.
"RUG KISA NL LSGUOY
IOH VUMZL SKA LUOY
UR TAIMA UO AIGSK, YUUH-BNFF SU VAO!"
– FUOYRAFFUB

5. O BAOHHGA EOB KHGAT.
MY FLIOT YG YAMYYLU,
OTZ ROHH YEL WOBYLU:
“RGWL GNY, RGWL GNY, G WOBYLU,
YOPL O HGGP OY YEL BELLS SLT,
YELUL YEL LALB EODL IMDLT FMUYE,
OTZ YEL HOWFPMTB EODL FLLT FGUT.
– NPUMTMOT BERELZUCP, ROUGH GK YEL
FLHHB
6. HIGH SCHLUMP BGS VECXMBH NIGH WAR NGSH HA ANGBII, HIGH DAADUC ZSA FMC KMHCK HA KCETC WAR— HICKC FMEGBUCK GEC HIC ECKRUH AL HAAUK XCTCUAVCX OW KVMCK XREMSD HIC BAUX NGE. BAFCEBC MS HIC HNCSHW— LMEKH BCSHREW MK CKVMASGDC LAE VEALMH. — YMUU UCVAEC

7. PJH BOMP PJOP JOLLYWHEE RYHE GUSH YW ORPSKYEPYMOMPYUWE PJOW YW EHRBYEJWHEE YE UWH UB PJH GUEP YGLUSPOWP PJYWIE PJOP VH WHHT PU RHOSW OE JKGOWNYWT. GZ JULH YE PJOP YP VYRR AH EUGHPJYWPI PJOP LHULRH SHORRZ LYMN KL UW YW PJH MUWPHDP UB RHOSWYWI OAUKP JOLLYWHEE. — LHRYWNHEHAYS

8. N THINK IRKS SLOW ILCO BTNK CONWLK; RB OZRWBW RK BRIO, NKS COMPLKW ARBT ERGO NKS SONBT, NKS FHRESW N ALCES NCLHKS RBWOEG. — ULWTHN CLBTINK
9. EAT UMP YE FEEL MY INSTANT SI MI M IPIYT VYCMY NEDDTNYI BED OTEOFT'I AMYXDMF SANFSAMYSEAI. — TFSHMWTYC LEFWTDY

10. OUROSU SRGU THAPZZUST. FUSS, CLUE'ZU NITPXISSE ZICT FPCL NUCUZ OZ. — NUCLIWE NZRRYTLPUZU

11. KWIMPIN DTIN TMPIPT AM NAFTNC PW XT WGT WZ POT ZADMP MTKPWD M WZ POT TKWGWSC PW MTT LINYTM UNYSSTP RYT PW DAMAGE MTIM IGR RISIET ZDWS MPWDSM. — MOTTNIO FWNOPFID

12. OUM ENMLOMYO VMNLIEMXMIO RT OUM XZIV ZY OR WMCZMHM ZI YRXMOUZIE WMKLAYM RIM PZYUMY ZO OR WM YR. — CRAZY SLYOMAN

13. TESTYUSKUT KI ETSPYN'I NLL SKRNY, BAKING SA SNMM PI ZONE ZN'YN CPMMH UAADNG. — WNIIKUT ZKESNY