

Answers to 2017 Christmas Cryptograms

1. On the ninth day of Christmas my true love sent to me nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking and a lot of other stuff too fierce to mention. — gifting run amok
2. Chestnuts roasting on an open fire,
The fire screen should have been kept closed.
But open flames tend to shoot so much higher
And sparks jump out where they're exposed. — Mick Terry
3. He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, and I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself. — mock obesity
4. Some children see Him lily white, ...
Some children see Him bronzed and brown, ...
Some children see Him almond-eyed, ...
With skin of yellow hue. ...
Some children see Him dark as they,
And, ah! They love Him, too! - all together now
5. He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; and He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. — Isaiah
6. For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah.
King of kings and Lord of lords, etc.
— on your feet now
7. A survey of Canadian media consumption by Microsoft concluded that the average attention span had fallen to eight seconds, down from 12 in the year 2000. We now have a shorter attention span than goldfish, the study found. — Timothy Egan
8. Games played with the ball, and others of that nature, are too violent for the body and stamp no character on the mind. — Thomas Jefferson
9. I recruited a Czech kicker, and during the eye exam, when asked to read the bottom line, the kicker replied, "Read it? I know him." — Woody Hayes
10. Democracy is the theory that the common people know what they want, and deserve to get it good and hard. — H. L. Mencken
11. Also, do you not feel it is rather pleasing to be so much wiser than quantities of young idiots? — Beatrix Potter, on the eighth decade
12. [So-called]'s ignorance is not just an absence; it is a rich, intricate and entirely separate universe of negative information, a sort of fertile intellectual antimatter with its own gravitational pull. — David Brooks
13. The tao that is seen is not the true tao, until you bring fresh toner. — geek haiku