

## Answers to 2025 Christmas Cryptograms

1. But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,  
“Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night.” — A Visit From Saint Nicholas
2. Come and trim my Christmas tree with some decorations bought at Tiffany's.  
I really do believe in you. Let's see if you believe in me. — Santa Baby
3. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy. — Second verse
4. So let the jolly sleigh bells jingle.  
Hail our dear old friend Kris Kringle  
Driving his reindeer across the sky.  
Don't stand underneath when they fly by.  
— Tom Lehrer
5. Pure mathematics is, in its way, the poetry of logical ideas. — Albert Einstein
6. Naturally, take band, orchestra, or choir classes depending on your interest. In addition, you should also take mathematics classes, since any musician needs to understand counting, rhythms, and beats. — Mathematical Music Theory
7. To argue that the current extinction event could be averted if people just cared more and were willing to make more sacrifices is not wrong, exactly; still, it misses the point. It doesn't much matter whether people care or don't care. What matters is that people change the world. — Elizabeth Kolbert
8. We who are made of matter must somehow find a way both to recognize this mystery and not to mind it too much. — Adam Gopnik
9. The common claim that we are in a period of massive global democratic decline is not clearly supported by empirical evidence. — Andrew Little and Anne Meng
10. Lots of things happen in the stratosphere that don't make it down to the surface. Nothing is the same in the climate as it was. — Andrew Dessler
11. Just leave them there. They won't fall any farther. — Wright's rule for fallen objects
12. In Washington, officials lie in public and tell the truth in private. In the Middle East, officials lie in private and tell the truth in public. — Thomas Friedman
13. Crystallized intelligence gets better or stays stable as people get older. This experience and wisdom does enable older adults to compensate for some of the decline in processing speed and other ability. It also means that older adults may perform better than younger people at those mental tasks that require depth of experience or knowledge.  
— Leslie Kernisan