

## SEVENTEENTH 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](mailto:wright@uoregon.edu). These pages themselves, as well as puzzles from previous years, can be found at <http://pages.uoregon.edu/wright/cryptos>.

1. JUST BRIGHTEN U PTGGB EYOOET  
KJGYHOPUH. YO PUB AT BRIG EUHO. WTF0 BTUG  
LT PUB UEE AT EYSYWM YW OJT CUHO – JIMJ  
PUGOYW

2. TAAE KGAKIG UII, SLOW HLJOWSNUW SONG,  
HAPWOEGJ YGII UPE DGUJ OP NOPE  
YLUS ABJ TAAE TAE RAJ BW LUW EAPG  
OP WGPEOPT LOW DGI AFGE WAP.  
YOSL NUJC LAIC YG WLABIE KJUC  
SA TAE YOSL IAFG SLOW HLJOWSNUW EUC  
OP DGSLIGLGN BKAP SLUS NAJP,  
SLGJG YUW U DIGWWGE NGWWOUL DAJP.  
– YGMRAJE HUJAI



6. IH KTPTYWTV JUST NHK EATHER JOY, JOY,  
JOY. IH KTPTYWTV JUST NHK EATHER, JOY,  
JOY, JOY. IL, N PLUCK AND WIVH ELUD HUBLE  
DI VIDR ALUET, DI VIDR ALUET DIH IJ YNVR,  
SUVBUH LICR UH N DENWCT, YTNH NHK CIACR,  
JOY, JOY, JOY. — PNENCNH

7. SIN WE FIX HUFGEHB BE RODGEOBAN DUTX  
FETXFIXD UHW SIN WE FIX KXEKAX GVUTGHX U  
LUGH FIGHT? — TEEW POXBFGHEHB

8. UA RMBOWRMBUTH, M BIEW HBMBWRWAB UH  
BIEW, YEPP HBLS. UY M RMBOWRMBUTMP  
BOWLIWR HMGH HLRWBOUAV HEISIUHUAV LI  
URSIWHHUDW, GLE NLA'B KMHBW BURW NLEXBUAV  
BOW RWHHWAVWI—GLE ZEHB IWMN BOW SILLY MAN  
(UY GLE OMDW BOW XMTFVILEAN) GLE KUPP HWW  
KOG BOW BOWLIWR UH BIEW. — NMDUN NLALOL

9. TAUPEWKSKAUK TL TANTATSK. SOK OREIA  
TEIMTAISTPA TL APS UIWIUTPRL KAPRMO SP  
UPEWCKOKAB IGG SOK EIAF YIFL SOK  
SCREWTIAL UIA NTAB SP LUCKY SOTL SOTAM  
RW. — BIHTB VCPPXL

10. TUOUDUJPSUNE PROPETHY AX HCSHERUEL  
SIH EGKAHW NV UKBNWSPES NBHWPSUNEY MIUTI  
MH TPE BHWVNWK MUSINGS SIUEZUEL PANGS  
SIHK. — PDVWHR ENWSI MIUSHIHR

11. RIDI A OF WUEOP, RLFYGIE WU ROSI  
NHICW WRI FUNW HDUELTWASI NTAICWAMAT  
PIODN UM FP GAMI ODULCE WRI DATR BUCEIDN  
UM WRI LCEIDBOWID BUDGE, OCE LWWIDGP  
TUCSACTIE WROW WRIP BAGG CUW YI WRIDI MUD  
ULD TRAGEDIC 'N TRAGEDIC WU ICKUP. — K. I.  
C. SIDUC

12. SUE RL LYCAERCAL LAOERCAOESBBM EAUCAI  
GURKABALL. THE SOMEFROP RL GURKABALL  
HOERB LYCAYOA LABBL RE. — GAEAU  
LKFZABISFB

13. GAUASHT AYLD CRHSADY THESE LDCIZIC —  
DC LAZI XIHCE, ONAKNIZIC KDRIE LACES. —  
BILL CDSNIYJICU

14. IN LAHPEDOUGN! CAN SHE MEAN SHE 'AN  
WHO YCMOUWF SHEA OURN AUFTO WHY? — MUBBS  
KENMOUHW