

Answers to 2010 Christmas Cryptograms

1. Ding dong merrily on high. In heav'n the bells are ringing. Ding dong!
Verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing. Gloria, hosanna in excelsis! E'en so
here below, below, let steeple bells be swung, and "io, io, io!" by priest and
people sung. Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!— bellissimo!
2. "Peace on the earth, goodwill to men from heaven's all gracious king!" The
world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing. — holy day song
3. Frosty the snowman, was a jolly happy soul, with a corncob pipe and a
button nose, and two eyes made out of coal. ...
Thumpety thump, thump, thumpety thump, thump, look at Frosty go. Thumpety
thump, thump, thumpety thump, thump, over the hills of snow. — cool magic
4. In his master's steps he trod where the snow lay dinted. Heat was in the
very sod which the saint had printed. Therefore, Christian men be sure, wealth
or rank possessing. Ye who now will bless the poor shall yourselves find
blessing. — an old track
5. O come, thou rod of Jesse. Free them from Satan's tyranny. From depths
of hell thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. — of medieval origin
6. Mathematics is music for the mind. Music is mathematics for the soul.
— anonymous (eighteenth century)
7. I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play.
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.
...
I thought how as the day had come
The belfries of all Christendom
Had roll'd along th' unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair, I bow'd my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong and mocks the song,
Of peace on earth, good will to men."
— Longfellow
8. A sect or party is an elegant incognito devised to save a man from the
vexation of thinking. — Ralph Waldo Emerson
9. We tend to overestimate the effect of a technology in the short run and
underestimate the effect in the long run. — Roy Amara, engineer, futurist
10. It doesn't show signs of stopping, and I've bought some corn for
popping. The lights are turned way down low. Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it
snow! — meteorological exhortation
11. Science is built with facts as a house is with stones—but a collection of
facts is no more a science than a heap of stones is a house. — Jules Henri
Poincaré
12. People who want to share their religious views with you almost never want
you to share yours with them. — Dave Barry
13. Victory goes to the player who makes the next-to-last mistake.
— chessmaster Savielly Grigorievitch Tartakower
14. If you're in a poker game and don't know who the sucker is, it's you.
— Thomas Friedman's father