## **Answers to 2013 Christmas Cryptograms**

1. When I was a seeker

I sought both night and day,

I asked the lord to help me,

And he showed me the way.

Go tell it on the mountain,

Over the hills and everywhere,

Go tell it on the mountain,

That Jesus Christ is born. — Higher calling

- 2. For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Isaiah
- 3. The tree of life my soul hath seen,

Laden with fruit and always green:

The trees of nature fruitless be

Compared with Christ the apple tree. — Anonymous

4. Infant holy, infant lowly,

For his bed a cattle stall;

Oxen lowing, little knowing

Christ, the babe, is lord of all.

Swift are winging, angels singing,

Noels ringing, tidings bringing:

Christ the babe is lord of all. — Polish carol

5. In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,

Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;

Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,

In the bleak midwinter, long ago. — Christina Rossetti

- 6. May your days be merry and bright, and may all your Christmases be white. Irving Berlin
- 7. There's nothing like music to teach you that eventually if you work hard enough, it does get better. You see the results. Chuck Todd
- 8. Don't just sit there reading with your head bent forward: bad for your neck, makes you look like a serf. Roy Blount, Jr.
- 9. A man and a woman cannot live together without having against each other a kind of everlasting joke. Each has discovered that the other is a fool, but a great fool. G.K. Chesterton
- 10. The development of mathematical models for weather prediction is one of the great scientific triumphs of the twentieth century. Peter Lynch
- 11. No rule of etiquette demands that you show up to a funeral unless it happens to be your own. Dear Abby
- 12. I never worry about how I start the day ... It's how it ends up that bothers me. Charlie Brown
- 13. God grant me the courage to change the things I cannot accept, serenity to accept the things I've changed, and the wisdom to know I'm different. Stephan Pastis
- 14. Fires, like floods, tend to go where they have gone before. Living with Fire