

Answers to 2015 Christmas Cryptograms

1. Fast away the old year passes. Fa la la la la, la la la la. Hail the new ye lads and lasses. Fa la la, etc. — Looking ahead
2. Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
"Do you hear what I hear?
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea,
With a voice as big as the sea." — Noel Regney
3. Sleigh bells ring, are you listening. In the lane, snow is glistening. A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight. Walking in a winter wonderland. — Peaceful scene
4. Once in royal David's city, stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby, in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child. — New beginning
5. As dry leaves that before the loud leaf-blower fly, when they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky, so up to the house-top the coursers they flew, with the sleigh full of toys — and St. Nicholas too. — Contemporary adaptation
6. It's totally OK that you have this outrageous attempt that fails. Einstein was wrong about a lot of stuff. Newton. Thomas Edison. They had plenty of failures, too. — Brian Noser
7. Perhaps tens of thousands of years from now, archaeologists will assign excavated twentieth century cars to religious-altar industries with names such as chevroletian and toyotaterian. — Science News
8. Imagine that you die and go to heaven and stand in front of a jury made up of Thomas Jefferson, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Your task would be to compose yourself, look them in the eye, and say, "I was all about fresh, local, and seasonal." — Author unrecalled
9. The whole realm of the visible is compelled by the invisible. Our planet, our solar system, our galaxy, our universe: all of it, all of us, are pushed, pulled, spun, shifted, set in motion, and held together by what we cannot see. — Kathryn Schulz
10. Microgravity can trigger back pain and fluid shifts that lead to pressure inside the skull and vision problems. No one knows why. — Little-known fact
11. Words ought to be a little wild, for they are the assault of thoughts on the unthinking. — John Maynard Keynes