# The Beggars
## by Lord Dunsany

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_ ___ _____ ____ _____
i asw agiklnw dnow accdiillpy

___ ____ ___' _____ __
not glno ago' ghiiknnt fo

_____ _____ ___ _____
enrrsuy ehmrsy adn eegginrtt

___ _____.
dlo acemnor

__ _ ___ ___ _____ ____
as i asw eht eeehkopprss aklw
               * * *
aldaeoaalaeeesdaideeeccadialg
iorilomancgmgshhnkkiierefttilk
nstsrrngrhhn  topn pngrotwlny
nuw ssww kio    own rpg s
o      y  ty
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__ __ _____ _____ _____-_____
by in ehirt abckl cfkor acost

___ _____ _____ ____' _
adn ehirt abckl ahst' i

_____ __ ___ ___ ____ __
ghhottu fo eht dlo eiln in

_____ _____' " ___ _____
enrrsuy aalnns'  eht acehmnrst

__ _____' ____ ____ _____."
fo dlnnoo' ehty aerw acelrst

___ _____ ____ ___ __
eht eersstt eerw all os
               * * *
afdiehdeafbaacachaaeiccachanss
bhelgheheinlbekekaflomerclatt
nhosnnrienrtheroldhl ne inet
onruortontsthey welr si ro
tu  stt o   ll   ttr sk
ty  t y r   ws     s  o
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_____' _____. _____
acimnnortu  aderry  ghinnot

_____ __ ____ ___ ____' _
cdlou be deno for ehmt' i

_____-_____. ___ ____ __
ghhottu ghinnot  adn ehnt my

_____ ____ _____ __
ghhosttu eerw deeinprrttu by

_____ ____. _____ ___ __ ___
abgiknr dgos  eervy dgo in eht

_____ _____ __ __
eerstt deeems ot be
               * * *
baoedabedceedneaeaeddmgednbthe
chokehgsedghdrenrbnheoheingy
shrlghnsiemne forerrnothi my
tnrognttnoore gotrt upt i
toruitt  otsi iv yy  t  n
utuum      w     t
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_____-_____ ____ __ ___' ___
abgiknr eervy dikn fo dgo' not

____ ___ _____ ____ ___ ___
lnoy eht eilltt enos btu eht

___ ____ ___. ____ ____ ___
bgi enos oot  ehty eerw all

_____ ____ _____ ___ ___ _
acfgin aest adorstw eht awy i

___ _____ __. ____ i _____
asw cgimno by  ehnt i denrtu

_____ __ ____ ___ ___ ____
dnoru ot kloo adn adh hist
               * * *
bacicgeeagebklaaddeadbdhaaedit
bagkdngeeliotoehedhoeheoglheo
falninhinloot kihensfretinln
oirynomo sory tnnnswi tursy
rns otts ttty wtoy  t t wt
wou      v     r      u
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iinosv' in accdiillpy' no eht

_____ ____ __ ___ _____
eiooppst deis ot eht ehossu

____ _____ ___ ____ ___ ___‾
jstu aefrt ouy apss eht abc

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aknr

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allt bent emn eerw cgimno dnow

___ _____ _____ __
eht eerstt aaderry in
       * * *
jaeioaeeeniaecaaadhcnhencabhen
oalksbfeermdircedeleohiogedow
rhnlsirnis enutoeisitmoun s
tipo ntttt po wprs ly   s t
tpst t       yr  y t
vus

_____ _____· ___ ____
aellmorsuv acklos  all eerw

_____ __ ____ ___ _____ __
allosw fo ikns adn ahrstwy fo

____' ___ ___ ____ __ ____
ahir' adn eht most fo ehmt

____ _____ _____· ____ ____
eorw aegnrst abders' ehty eerw

_____ _____' ___ ____ _____
cgimno lloswy' adn ehty adeklw

____ _____' ___ _____ _____
hitw aesstv  adn ehirt adhns
       * * *
caieegaaaegceaaandhafaheaadeed
halhnllndnseibeandseherhemekfe
mamiostofoshlnmard oilthenlor
sirl stolstkyondst slrythrws
worr w ru wl   kst twt wwy
wotv   sv       o       y

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eerw otu for alms

___ ___ _____ ___ ____ __
all eht abeggrs adh cemo ot

____·
notw

_ _____ ____ _____ ____ _ ____
i dlouw aehv eginv ehmt a dglo

_____ _____ ____ ___
bdlnooou aaegnnrv hitw eht

_____ __ _____' ___ _ ___
eorstw fo aceillst  btu i adh
       * * *
aelblhdnbacaaaieeadibemeaegadd
dlrerleofegerailhewtchmththol
iouetoothengsglmln  hot i o
townuou  fog rsvn    tu
towo s    vr tv s
w w

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no chsu cino  ehty ddi not

____ ___ _____ __ ____ __
eems eht eelopp ot hmow it

____ _____ __ _____ ___ ____
eerw fgiintt ot effor eht aems

____ __ ___ _____ ___ ___
cino as eno ddeeenrt for eht

___ __ _ _____ (_
esu fo a aabcitx  o

_____' ___‾____ ____'
aellmorsuv  ill adem dorw'
       * * *
caeeeahaciagicabeaddhdmhdthame
meemocheonenieedefedifonetse
neinufiotoeopllhmoferoorit
sors fltupixtln oroe wtro
uorv ls  sn  to ty w
ws   t   t    t

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_____ ___ ____-____ _____
elrsuy eht apss dorw eeehmorsw

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fo emos eilv deorr   emos fo

____ ____ _____ _____ ____
ehmt eorw elppru acklos hitw

____ _____ _____' ___ ___
deiw eegnr bdeorrs  adn eht

_____ __ _____ ___ _ _____
bdeorr fo eegnr asw a anorrw

_____ ____ ____' ___ ____ ____
iprst hitw emos  adn emos eorw
                * * *
bfddegeeeegbaeddealdakdaeheere
oheelmoiehilemeerandannmeihfre
sireorroenppoolewcroasomeroh
soripwwrfv ropn wos  somrwoo
ttrm y th  srrr  r   so t tw
wu s    t  u ss  s    s w w
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_____ __ ___ ___ _____ ___'
acklos fo dlo adn addef der'

___ ____ ____ _____ _____'
adn emos eorw eilotv acklos'

___ ____ ____ _____.  ___ ____
adn enno eorw abckl  adn ehty

_____ _____' __ ____
bdeegg acefgllruy  as dgos

_____ ___ ___ _____.
ghimt beg for lossu

_ ____ __ _ ____-____' ___
i doost by a almp opst  adn
                * * *
aedaedbebacadlaiaceadaddaedey
aidgkodefwfeeualdlfascgoakd
blghnomegwole blolkoselodnh
cngtoongryoof lmp pt tn rss
ino ss o  orr snu s       t
m s t       r  voy
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____ ____ __ __ __' ___ ___
ehty acem pu ot it'  adn eno

_____ __' _____ ___
adddeerss it'  acgilln eht

____-____ _____' ___ ____'
almp opst behorrt  adn adis'

"_ ____-____' ___ _____ __
 o almp opst  oru behorrt fo

___ ____' ___ _____ ____
eht adkr  aer eehrt amny

_____ __ ____ __ ___ _____ __
cekrsw by eeht in eht deist fo
                * * *
aadcaaabdoaheecaelbaaaadeaedfof
ldeldcoee bpetheirehedhhdie
thepempkp irotohltingnnieno
therkprmt sr  oin trmttso s
womy sssy tt  tur  n tyr
 r   s   ut   r    o
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_____? _____ ___' _____'
ghint  eelps not  behorrt'

_____ ___.  _____ ____ ____
eelps not  eehrt eerw amny

_____ __ __ ____ ___ ___
cekrsw an it eerw not for

____."
eeht

__ ___ _____:  _ ___ ___
it asw aegnrst  i adh not
                * * *
ihecahnaleangeeeajbadtfafythe
nheegstonfepheomeweooeyhen
sieeks soritherri ero mor
tlghp  st  t n t  hrt nor
trout  t t w   nst ot
wt w
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------ ---- --- --- ----
eerstt almp adn his glno

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acghintw eorv dfgiinrt emn

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btu eh asw not abeehnt eht

------ -- ----- -------
ceinot fo eehst acdeklo

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aegnrrsst

--- ---- --- ------- -- ---
adn ehnt eno demmrruu ot eht
              * * *
aadaceegamneamdbcfeadedgeehe
bnrceeelaopeendreioakgnmhn
norehgnnfothoserhlrelhto t
sttihh ossvnrtu insino t
stt ni r         mut t
wut tt w
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------: "--- ---- -----'
eerstt   art hotu aerwy

------? --- - ------ ------
eerstt   ety a eilltt eglnor

---- ----- -- -- --- ----' ---
ehty ahlls go pu adn dnow  adn

---- ---- ---- ---- --- ---
eekp eeht acdl hitw art adn

------ ------. -- -------'
denoow bcikrs  be aeinptt

------. -- - ----- ---
eerstt  in a ehilw eht
              * * *
keedenhaeacaadhbeahaaaenaedand
sheeeshbiecgathiieldhdongnr
sooeet elirkowliltneteown
street  rltls uottpetir t
ttrp t  yn t   pu wt ly
wtry t         w     r
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aaeehkqrtu cehmot

"--- --- ---?" ------ ----.
 how aer ouy   eelopp adis

"--- ----- -- --- ---- ----?"
 adn eehrw do ouy cemo fmor

"--- --- ---- ---- -- ---'"
 how amy ellt ahtw ew aer

---- --------' "-- ------ --
ehty adeenrsw   or ceehnw ew

----?"
cemo
              * * *
caedhaaakeecdmehaocleeaaedme
eahe ahereodl woerpoeenceow
thho mnewereo ypht wh sfi
 omo qrs t lo  to  wm  rr
 wnt wuy y u     u
 wry
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--- --- ------ ------- ---
adn eno denrtu adorstw eht

-----------------' ------'
ekmos adeinst ehossu  aginsy

"------- -- --- ------'
 bdeelss be eht ehossu

-------- --- ----- -------."
abceesu emn ademr eehinrt

---- i ----------' ---- - ---
ehnt i cdeeeiprv  ahtw i adh

----- -------' ---- --- -----
eenrv ghhottu  ahtt all eehst
              * * *
abcaeiedabceddeahaahaleaheade
bedeoneheeeedhedhoeharlinheg
neeersepmighereomstrdssithns
shlkssstornnivhtowtses tyi
tmonu t tun t  tu uset
 nv     ur t      w
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_____ _____ ____ ___ _____'        _____' _____' "____
aginrst ehossu eerw not aeikl          agiilnrs  aginsy   aekt

___ _____ ___ ____                 _____' ____' ___ ___ _____
btu deeffinrt eno fmor                 cfmoort' eert' for eht defils

_____' _____ ____ ____             _____ ____ _____."
aehnort  abceesu ehty dehl             ahlls cemo aagin

_____ _____.                      ___ ___ ___ _____ ___ ____
deeffinrt ademrs                       adn all eht ehilw eht gluy

___ _____ _____ __ _ ____           _____ ____ _____' ___ _____
adn aehnort denrtu ot a eert           ekmos entw adprsuw  eht ekmos

____ _____ __ ___ _____ ____            ____ ___ _____ _____ ___
ahtt doost by eht eegnr akpr           ahtt ahs defilst acemnor adn
          * * *                                  * * *
ahafaeefebdbaameedeeeeaeaaeee          aaafahaemeeaeaaddrohaeceialde
aiardifnhdecesoherfrnmh ldik           chakelconhrafhefertmaheflends
bndtengoheeneurnetgroon plrk           rhdlingstssegiigos tekegsmok
dnfthnotoorrtusne hto t tr             smillrls ttiplil   thnu  y
sto irr trust ts    y                  snmto t  t uwwnn     t
tut  st    y  w                        too    w    y   r
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_____ ___ _____. ____' _           "_____ ___ _____. ___ ___
abcdeekln eht bdirs  hist' i            bdehlo eht ekmos  eht dlo

_____' ____ ___ _____              ____-_____ ____ ____ ____ __
ghhottu  ehty acn eehinrt              aclo eforsst ahtt aehv ailn os

_____ ___ _____. ___ ____             ____ __ ___ ____' ___ __ ____
aeiprs nor belss  adn ehnw             glno in eht adkr  adn os glno

____ ___ __ ____ _____ _____          _____' ___ _____ ___ ___
ehty asw it ehty adeirs ehirt          illst' aer acdginn now adn

_____ _____ __' _____ ___         _____ ____ __ ___ ___. _____
adhns adorstw it' adorstw eht          ggino abck ot eht nsu  efgort

_____ _____' _____'             ___ _____' _ ___ _____' ___
adhnostu cehimnsy  aginsy              not aehrt' o oru behorrt  adn
          * * *                                  * * *
baacgaaddahbeebandaeaaddehehe          cbageabaceedaacaebaadeeaadaedo
hhadkeneochdlhcirraidehegntir          goehgfdaeheodmhheghnhesfldgng
pheisennwiremness nnithhr  i           loillinrhhtsonoin rnnh lninns
thnushto rths et   sostiis             noilolotrk tsorkt soow oolo t
tlousstw ttit iy   tswyrns             sonn  r ts   ttk   tt  o r
troy       y sy    w t                  tt    t    ur   uv  r
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-- ---- ---- --- -- --- ---."
ew hisw eeht joy fo eht nsu

-- --- ------’ --- a ---------
it adh adeinr’ adn a ceeehlrss

------ ------- ---- - -----
aemrst ddeoppr dnow a dirty

------. -- --- ---- ---- -----
egrttu  it adh cemo fmor aehps

-- ------’ ---- --- ---------;
fo eefrsu’ flou adn efgnoortt

-- --- -------- ---- --- ---
it adh adeeghrt nopu ist awy
             * * *
gereadhdaheeaddaaddaacdeehaans
ifthadugaiheddlcnmenfhegoreeps
it haf reoneeeodonf fihirtles
ot rem sitpfoj yoon toomstny
st ter  rt hru  upo  rrs ut
wu wis  t  p    w    t  wy
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------ ---- ---- ---------’ ---
ghinst ahtt eerw cdeeilrt’ adn

---- -- ------ ------ -------
entw ot bemors adinrs knnnouw

-- --- -- --- ---. -- --- ----
ot amn or eht nsu  it asw hist

------ ------ ---- --- ---- --
ellnsu aemrst as chmu as all

----- ------ ---- --- ---- --
ehort acessu ahtt adh adem em

--- -- -- ----- ---- --- ----
asy in my aehrt ahtt eht notw
             * * *
oaheancahaeaaeaanaaadlaadalaed
seilenomroebeehdrdecethakeohis
shlmgn osrhemrrethhih icsnoln
tonnis stsmhrtsstmins metttmn
ttytrt tu tsw tu  urt un   wn
wu     y t        t  ws   w
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--- ----’ ---- ------ --- ----
asw eilv’ ahtt abetuy asw adde

-- --’ --- ------- ----.
in it’ adn acemnor defl

---- ---- ----- ---- -------.
eenv hist ghint ehty bdeelss

--- --- ---- ---- a ------
adn eno ahtt eorw a elppru

------ ---- ------ ------ -------’
acklo hitw abdor eegnr bdeorr’

----’ “-------’ -- -------
adis’ “behorrt’ be efhlopu
             * * *
aadakieandabamabbaaeebdaleddad
caedonhbrhthenadceefleebolder
eliittleshthiogneerhonlesree
inonv witothororegutpprfss
sns    it  rrt  th  yyuwpu
wv         t  w
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---’ --- ---- ----- ------
ety’ for hotu ahlst elrsuy

---- -- ---- -- --- ----------
cemo at alst ot eht abcdeeellt

---’ --- ---- --- -------’
aes’ adn eemt eht aeghinv’

----’ --- --------- ------’ ---
eghu’ adn adeellrtv hipss’ adn

-------- -- ------ ---- ---- ---
ceeijor by eilss ahtt know eht

------ ---.” ---- ---- ----
deglno nsu  eenv hstu ehty
             * * *
ceadeaadbaeeaeeeaedaaeieceaahd
gegeiaendmhisleheheedhiegtyble
heje cnrlnsottohllhhssknhw tne
rolo fosuttruvslnth sulnly
som  nt  y t  tst  t  tvrpo
yut      v     t  u   ts
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_____ ___ _____'  ___ _ ____          _____ ____ _____.  ___ ___
bdeelss eht egrttu    adn i eflt          abeggrs alos bdeelss   adn eno

__ ____ __ ____.                          __ ____ ____ __ ___ __ _____
no himw ot ckmo                           fo ehmt adis ot eno fo eehst

___ ___ _____ ____ ____ __'              ____ _____:  "_ ____ __
adn eht eelopp ahtt entw by'              adkr ceiinstz    o intw fo

__ _____ _____ _____ _____              _____ _____'  ____ ___ _____
in ehirt abckl eelmnsuy acost             ghint efhilms'  hitw hty cekpss

___ _____ _____'                      __ _____ __ _____ ___ ____
adn ehirt aehimnpss                       fo ehitw at irsstw adn cekn

_____'  _____ ____'  ___              ____ __ _____',  _ _____
mnoorsstu   hinsy ahst'  eht              eikl ot ghint s  acdeerstt
          * * *                                     * * *
aldshedipbeacchaeaaeaedtcbaelt            bageacheaaedfbieicaaidaedceces
andsheerreligektheetmlnthefts             deggheiiiaehsrlsonednerndekek
bnetsheushmmhintnhn sny ioy               lfkhhimtmiglttowosetofynepon
innwthi tooplktuprt w                     nfrktro nlinw s sshwth of s
mo  tim t   sos y s                       oi t ts ssso    stt tn th
no  tro     su                            oi w t zt       t         s
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_____.  ___ _____ ____ ____          _____'  ___ __ _____ _____
arsst   how aeffllruy hotu dost          elppru   adn ot ellovy eegnr

____ ____ _____ ___ ___'                 `_____.'  ____ ____ ____
eilv hitw abckl hty dhi'                  beegno     hotu ahst dilw

_____ _____.  ____ ___             _____ ____ ____ ____ _____
deegnssuu deeirss   ehty aer             acefins ahtt ehty mstu deens

____ _____ __ ____ ____                __ _____ ____ _____'  ___
deep ghhosttu in eeht ahtt               be ademt hitw abckl'  adn

____ ____ ___ _____ ____                 _____ _____ ____ ____
ehty illw not cfilor hitw                beeilrrt aggiiimnns ahtt ehty

_____'  ____ ____ ___  `__'  __         ____ __ _____ ____.  ___ ___
clooru   ahtt ehty asy   no   ot         mstu be ddehin hstu   ahs hty
          * * *                                    * * *
cealerhedgaeaafeohhaeedhardoot           baecabedahaaeibeacelsaadeedey
deeossihhhbfecheslichihnatets            fbngibeehiddgnhhagkuthadeehs
sheputillwdlsiiftllehtioh                merpiee tidhhonihsm whgn thy
tngr wsoo hostknutstywtto                perrlel  nitot lnus yilr tn
uoiu w tt ntt rry yy  y u                tustoms  wmttu lovs  tns
vtly    u  t   r                          u t n   t    ty t     t
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____ _____ __ ___ _____’ ___
losu ademrs fo eht aeglns’ adn

__ ___ _____ __ _____ ____
fo eht allsw fo aefry ahtt

____ ___ _____ __ __
hotu ahs addegru it os

_____’ ____ __ _____
elrttuy  elst it adelzz

_____ ____?  ____ __ ___
adehinosst eesy  eenv os dgo

___ ___ _____ ____ ____ __
dhi eht addimno deep dnow in
              * * *
afdehdaeadaaoddddaaandehagiand
hholneehageeoeetfdeengelntod
oitorhrsdilmrfftheepsloos  n
sottthswelsstni  etryosw
tsuu iy  lusyos  evzz t
ut   l   m       i
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_____ __ ____.
eilms fo acly

“___ _____ __ ____ __ ___
 eht denorw fo eeht is not

_____ __ _____.
ademrr by himrt

“_____ ____ ___ ____ _____.
 bdehlo hotu art ervy ceerst

“__ _____. __ ____ __
 be deflnoruw  be fllu fo

_____.”
emrstyy            * * *
maeeeddbdcfalahbeeeerilsecret
mbeeelndeeliofrthveuls nft
mbhhoooofthmurt  t  f  y   oo
 ilrsronyrouy
 trtwwy   r
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_____ ___ ___ __ ___ _____
eillnsty eht amn in eht abckl

_____-____ _____ __. ___ _
cfkor acot adepss no  adn i

____ __ _____ ____ ___
acem ot addennrstu ehnw eht

_____ _____ ___ _____’ ____
elppru abeggr adh eknops’ ahtt

___ ____ _____ ___
eht adkr ceiintz adh

_____ _____ ____ ___’
acdeffikrt aehpprs hitw din
              * * *
caacdacbacdaamaaddadheanbhacat
fheefeckedgeereadhnnihendldhk
pilekilkegheishaniopoke ine
srmfltoouniprshepsswtth t i
tropntry t przsn   w  n   t
tur     t t  tn
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____ __ ___ _____ ____ _____
ahtt in his aehrt eerw aegnrst

___ ____ _____: ____ ___
adn bdmu abiimnost  ahtt his

_____ ___ _____ __ _____
bdemnssu asw ddefnou by elmnos

____ __ ___ _____ __ _____
eirt no eht oorst fo aceinnt

_____: ____ __ _____ __
adiinortt  ahtt it ghimt be

_____ ___ ___ __ a _____ __
ceemoorv eno ady by a ceehr in
              * * *
ahabceibhaabhaaoibedaaacebaege
diaddimenheehdarndoeibchieenin
ondeiomotimsieitnswfrehsseismn
rrernons ontrfoustymtgntthlt
tumt tn  ws  ooyt    hyt on
tvt  us      tt           rr
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___ _____ __ __ ____ ___
eht eerstt or by emos eno

_____ _ ____’ ___ ____ ____
ggiinns a gnos’ adn ahtt ehnw

____ _____ _____ _____ _____
hist ahmnops ekops eehrt ghimt

____ _____ __ ___ ____ ___
cemo ceflst in eht dlorw adn

_____ _____ ____ __ ___
eelopp eeginpr eorv at eht
              * * *
ceeeicgeaeaiigboaedmaeadeahdht
phigleheemrnngpoheotehleheien
shmpsnloetsonn tkerwhron mng
tins srpftsors yvn  otrt w
too  t  p        s   t   t
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_____.
abssy

____ _____ _____ _____
ehnt ginnrtu adorstw eegnr

____’ _____ __ ___ _____ ___
akpr’ eehrw as ety ginprs asw

___’ ___ _____ _____ ___
not’ eht abeggrs cdeehrstt otu

_____ _____’ ___ _____ __
ehirt adhns’ adn giklnoo at
              * * *
aaeirthaebegaandaldoegceeatast
nbeksthendeggaoserorkiigedwou
phrn  uhnin  srw stsprnhgn
thts  wr rs  t y t s trn
toy
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___ _____ _____ ___ ___ ___
eht efnorz agrss adn eht ety

_____ _____ ____’ _____
bddginnuu eerst ehty’ acghinnt

___ _____’ _____
all eeghortt’ deehiopprs

_____.
addffilos

_ _____ _____ ____ ____ ___
a moort bimnosu acem dnow eht
              * * *
aabfddgeehegbaprcaedsdcdaneheg
aheofdilgmnieessoahe ieenytin
dlfuooinontrrus thme thh  tt
tnl toozs   r  s   pny  ow
u m trr t
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_____’ _____ _____ ____
eerstt’ aelnry ginnnru eorv

____ __ ___ ____ ____ ____
emos fo eht dgos ahtt eerw

_____ _____ _____. __
abgiknr cefiloorsuy illst  it

___ _____ ___ ____ _____.
asw dginnosu ist hnor iilnosy

___ ___ _____ ____ ____.
adn eht iinosv entw ehnt
              * * *
aadeehendeagcigrehhangeeieiit
bameinf feeidiosslninhillerly
snrksog nhnolntsunorstnnrs
sor tou tirroo u nt t wov
wts  t  vis  y w ty t  o
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