

## At the Gate

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a agghsy aadeeilr cdeenst his  
awy aglno eht adghhior' eh adh  
not been eehrt beefor' btu eh  
asw ddegriu by eht ailrt fo his  
beehnrrt how adh cddeeepr him  
aehaeedeahbedabefocaddbdehhd  
bastagengdheeeadehreaeledfhhes  
nos blgn tihrrhhheprociteht hi  
wrt grin wtoy tig sren o im  
w y huoy r l tre u is

eh adh egno giilllnnuwy nopu  
hist ejnoruy' ety hitw eht  
ceefprt agiinnrt fo dgos eh  
adh accdeept it hiottuw  
acilmnopt' eht ahpt adh been  
ellnoy' adn his aehrt dlouw  
cadeaaceanadhenaeahdadobedn  
heifacigondihisghifighgsheen  
hemheconpnetnitillhnhlttuhe  
lhnpldturreyuiwptoiroow ulo  
porslj tte ny wtt tuy p  
to y t w t

aehv adefil him' aegilnrtv as  
eh mstu hiottuw his eelopp'  
adh not eehst acerst fo  
celnosstu dgos beefor him  
deimoprs achiimnnoopps fo a  
orst at eht den fo eht ador'  
cadeiaadlcdheadbaceaeefifaaas  
haomnfeisedmeimiefohhehiled  
hermtlestheognnrhfrrielomg  
hounuot theshst oisspoopn  
povt st wio out onstvp ro  
sr st t p t

eht aacdelnps adh aadeeppr  
adir at first' for eht  
aailnnorstt fmor ceenrt agnoy  
inot deefmor fmor ainp adh  
been os bgimnnu in ist  
efinssstw ahtt it asw emos  
aeadlaadecabafgadnaaeahadony  
bhefsaeefdmhenhfireahesoad  
inentfnsiinmfroimrpcintree  
srin lotnoopitrm wipn mg  
trio nr surst ot pss  
tw t st s t tt

eimt beefor eh cdlou fllyu  
 -----  
 aaceeipprt eht aaelpst dgo  
 -----  
 cnortuy ghortu chhiw eh asw  
 -----  
 aginpss' eehrt eerw doosw hitw  
 -----  
 aeelsv nopu eht dgnoru ghortu  
 -----  
 chhiw ot crrsuy' glno agrssy  
 -----  
 aaacebeaoeceheeeacdgdaoaigh  
 ceieecgfpheohpghedgfhedrgsth  
 lhmhniotohtreywllinhnolhsou  
 piprirtutrnurg orlsnotrlwsy  
 tosstsy sr th wrouw utsyw  
 wpuv t ur uo

elopss for ddeentx nrsu' adn  
 -----  
 aekls inot chhiw eh ghimt  
 -----  
 eglnpu for ciksst adn bginr  
 -----  
 ehmt abck ot btu eh ddi not  
 -----  
 ceelmopt his ghhotu' for eht  
 -----  
 boy asw not hitw him' a eilltt  
 -----  
 baeeeaackhiehibhdeaeddadiiahde  
 chkmgbienototichsgdmmibhlnagne  
 llmlesfootswickthenruformotl  
 plopsetfor sxtenuhht grt tt  
 soupws ntr w tho h is t  
 toy tu i n

aevw fo ceehikmnosss deeopssss  
 -----  
 him  
 -----  
 it adem his dimn aeeirs ot ees  
 -----  
 afr aadeh a aegrt aegt as ghhi  
 -----  
 as eht aeehnsv' deiw eghnou  
 -----  
 for all' eh ddenoorstu ahtt  
 -----  
 aameadeadaaegicaneaaidnahahied  
 farmaeeheheemiddredeoeoosheesee  
 firtahf him nneetigoterssgssgh  
 hov hll hos srnkws e ttot  
 is o v us ts p u  
 wt

lnoy amn biltu chsu abeirrrs  
 -----  
 adn by agiinnrst his eesy eh  
 -----  
 acdefin eh cdlou cdeinrs  
 -----  
 ahmsu aginpss ghortu ot  
 -----  
 aehrtvw aly bdenoy' eh bekor  
 -----  
 inot a nru ahtt eh ghimt eht  
 -----  
 aaaabaanabachaedhcdmbaebehee  
 fhdceedpheailblghdhscehnirhe  
 hnloimertlsingnssoeisgerrotok  
 inmtns runuinittuhiuigrts rs  
 onny v s r tot y no hyt  
 wut y s y u r h

emor ciklquy agin hist

ceilnorsu adem abefiltuu by

emn adn emnow' btu his

ghhosttu anortu his acep' adn

eh bdeeeemmrr ahtt eh adh eflt

eht afilmy bdehin' adn aagin

heceaadibeladaabaasaacadaaedt  
ieeleheickmbdeibdithidhagbinf  
mhnrfmmeomeegnhetuhifue ln  
mhoughtrlorenhtiht his l y  
tnr oquswyutr nn tns  
to su y u p

hist ellovy enw cdmnoopu

abceem not ceefprt' ceins it

dlouw ackl eht afilmy'

eht censt fo eht dgos egrw

ervy gnorst now' adn cgimno

aeenrr' eh cddeeiorsv' ot his

beaadceacegdeeceaaiddcgengis  
necleelnekofhefecdmoeindewht  
teermlonhlypiohfcengsunmi i  
thissrtron tnrwovmols oro  
vhry s vot nsw orpy t  
wou t t t

aehimnosstt ahtt fo eht

adimrsy fo ehost how adh

adeirrv aadeh fo him adhnosstu

eerw illst adeeghrt no eht

deiostu fo eht aloprt' ehty

ast in a deiw cceilr adeginprs

aareaddaaeeaaecaocdalhadeaaaidg  
aeriidehlfiddohereheonhednns  
mrriiesimfngetherhif shohey  
ostonis oh thtoftlrm tprus  
sutsvnt ol th si woo t t  
wyt s w t p t t

otu no aceh deis fo eht

aceennrt' bgi' eilltt' clruy'

adehmnos' eglmnor'

bdeghhoorrtu dgos fo eerwy

aeg' ceilmnoopx' adn

aeilnoprsty' all eerw

aaedacaeacbdgadeiaedeeecrrly  
eenroncebleiidleloffehveuy  
hgorongeireongngstnlt  
ohrsonmhpthxsiol wor  
pnt sool m orl t  
tut u m y

aaelnprrty agiintw for  
 eghimnost' eemnoos' adn at eht  
 adp fo eht aadeeilr's eeft no  
 eht adhr ador ehty aeors adn  
 dekloo in his cdeiinort'  
 ahtt eht eenrstt adepss as  
 aaaaehdgehaaiddaecaanddaandhe  
 lhdehdiehinadmeheeeaioeeeason  
 phekoenilroi ereingpfoofe t t  
 somtrfrnny sireinl trrn t  
 too th t to tory sss  
 tpp t t ws tst s

noos as ehty cddeeiorsv eht  
 enw cemor ot be a dgo delpuzz  
 him' in his efmorr degillnw  
 acelp a foru defoot behorrt  
 asw deegrt hitw aehimnsstu  
 ehnw eh asw a definr' hitw  
 haaccaefadoabeaeddbediaeeed  
 neeneheeheerfdmceddgelihhg  
 phmngie rhsywfi oeenehrolihl  
 sio om tis iorionorupttnm  
 wls rn tot orstrvtw sutsr  
 wow s w u t w zz

ciioptsssuu acdilmopy ehnw a  
 aegnrrst' adn hitw ahprs  
 efoopr ehnw an eemny' btu  
 eenrv adh eh been elrttuy  
 deginor'  
 eh bdeeeemmrr eghimnost ahtt  
 henaecdabeaddaeeeachhagbnhat  
 iepeieemdheedblimeemiehetta  
 nerongeousheipnomhtstnrlu  
 rgspomfrw rn sonnutywrpy  
 stvrroh n w t y  
 su rr i

eh adh ader amny eimst no  
 aegrt bdgiilnsu hitw floty  
 aceennrst' "dgos not  
 addeimtt' "eht ginss adh adis'  
 adn eh adeefr hist ghimt be  
 eht aenors for eht agiintw  
 addaadadeadedaghheihagadnbaid  
 aeehaebeeadfdensignmehhfnge  
 eheihcfilrihgssiiomiiioits  
 gnmrrneron tmottwnts lto y  
 hnt tt ss nr y s t s t  
 tr t u o t w

cceilr deiostu eht aegt' it  
 ghimt be ahtt hist belno  
 aloprt doost as eht ddgiilnv  
 eiln beeentw eemr dgos adn  
 ahmnsu' btu eh adh been a  
 beemmr fo eht afilmy' gimnopr

cegaabbebeeadaeaaddbabeaadigg  
 himbeeeofohdeefheeeegdeledinn  
 limcll ottoheshhhlneinimit  
 minenr sutsitmtrii ogsronp  
 morhts twutn tms yotv  
 purt t t

hitw ehmt in eht giilnv moor'  
 giinstt at aelms hitw ehmt in  
 eht dgiinn moor' ggino  
 aiprsstu at ghint hitw ehmt'  
 adn eht ghottu ahtt eh asw ot  
 be "ekpt otu" dlouw be

aedhaeeaaimeagetgaibeeheamino  
 bhethdgimgongghhthdihggtheomt  
 sistiihsnhtrniloulitiht rms  
 tit kinttoutooms litnh wo  
 unt tnp t u tt wovtn  
 wp tr w w

abdeelnruu'  
 eh ddeepss eht aeipssv dgos  
 ehty dhlosu be aeginrtt a  
 abeirrr aefrt eht afhinos fo  
 ehirt dlo cnortuy' aegilnp  
 aaginst it' abgiknr' adn

aaaddehaaecebaeheaeeaedagf  
 beeiesoibfdoberkiefliagidoos  
 hgeiisplldd rhtrpngsihion  
 thennsroile tntr stsn n  
 thrurr stt u y vp  
 un y t u

accghinrst eht ceilny adeinpt  
 door' eh bddenou pu eht alst  
 eilltt hill ot est ehmt an  
 aeelmpx' for eh asw illst fllu  
 fo eht beeillnor fo eht dlorw'  
 btu eh dfnou no door ot aelp

bcaahceeebedhdeddaelheeeaaaedl  
 dfomhehfibllleenecfrsheliefld  
 eirrlehnhfnrnhoniootthi lnrpl  
 lottpe iogottioswop ttm lnt  
 outttl r lou n ts yto lotu  
 sx u o u p w

aaginst' eh cdlou ees bdenoy  
 eht aceennrt ader aemsss fo  
 eelopp' ety no dgo cdeorss eht  
 dehhlorst' ehty cdeinnotu in  
 ehirt aeinptt ginr' ehirt aegz  
 nopu eht dgiinnw ador'

aeaeaeaaeacecdeacgmadhbeddfahe  
 pgeilhoedhendenddgnaeneeeogdze  
 theinnpltienhirgnocioeiroid  
 thonrstrynitnouiorsersssy nt  
 thopstt wt toylr ts us  
 upr t

eh now aacddenv acilostuuy ot  
 aeemnx eht aegt' it ccdeorru  
 ot him ahtt it mstu be fly  
 eimt in hist eginor' adn eh  
 ddi not hisw ot aekm ephilms  
 cdiilorsuu beefor all eehst

deaecieadaabcadecaebacceeeed  
 eidhimlohheheeegeailieidlhefo  
 hidiinntthingfomioktllhnflrlt  
 rimnot tissiormsnt othssr  
 to nou ust tt u t oumuy  
 tx w wv t u s y

aegnrrsst by ginrty ot blot  
 ghhortu an beiiilnsv ehms eikl  
 eht eno ahtt adh abdeffl him  
 ehnw eh asw a eilltt achp' ety  
 eehrt eerw no ceenrss' adn  
 adeiprs deenrt his losu ahtw

deeaageeaaaeaeachbaefceahdihae  
 shenegereebinhddibeesleanhliet  
 theonhe rhsnotiiegfsmboltmkt  
 thrpoh sntrvlslrilntoudp wy  
 thrunr tn y rytnl o l  
 wts w w s ts s

beirtt ehimnpstu eehst oopr  
 abesst mstu aehv deeffrsu  
 beefor ehty adeelnr ot asty no  
 hist deis eht achr ahtt del ot  
 ahmnu begins! ahtw adh ehty  
 deno no aehrt ot eimrt hist?

beaaeebdeagheaaaeafaaeedadron  
 befenoieeeeisheahchedrsheo to  
 bhiornmhnrmshmenmthfetthes  
 dimsts pintth totsuroho tliy  
 hons s tust l vr t tis poy  
 tutt u y wr tt t

el\_\_n\_\_ost\_\_ be\_\_nos\_\_ b\_\_del\_\_ortu\_\_ his\_\_

cc\_\_ee\_\_e\_\_innos\_\_ ' a\_\_an\_\_ruwy\_\_ adsy\_\_

ee\_\_gil\_\_nps\_\_ in\_\_ eht\_\_ best\_\_ achir\_\_

il\_\_ntu\_\_ eht\_\_ eky\_\_ cc\_\_de\_\_ikl\_\_ in\_\_ eht\_\_

cklo\_\_ ' eehst\_\_ eerw\_\_ inss\_\_

at\_\_ aht\_\_t\_\_ em\_\_mnot\_\_ an\_\_ eghilns\_\_

alcecaebceeeenecabaedadahahrhe  
cneieingeieerheaibiedchiit  
lonkhithenksttnenckndlins  
soollnthmom wtrluelng is  
sttsp tnosn yurowssts ys  
ut t y

bllu\_\_ ee\_\_irr\_\_rt\_\_ ' ehitw\_\_ ' hitw\_\_

eilrv\_\_ cd\_\_elo\_\_oor\_\_ opsst\_\_ adn\_\_ a\_\_

ajntuy\_\_ ae\_\_mn\_\_nr\_\_ ' aacdehoppr\_\_ him\_\_

ffgilnnsu\_\_ in\_\_ a\_\_ defilnry\_\_ awy\_\_

no\_\_ enoors\_\_ adh\_\_ eht\_\_ bllu\_\_ ee\_\_irr\_\_rt\_\_

elmst\_\_ his\_\_ ac\_\_llor\_\_ ahnt\_\_ eh\_\_ efl\_\_l\_\_

baeeflceaicadaaaeibaacdeaaeier  
jilfooeigneedlsfipenalhedfhil  
lmulrthmlhel thoteodlhterrilm  
nnultyinr inr whpthulnith y  
sovnt nor no prtr nwy w  
su s rs rr r s

ot\_\_ ee\_\_gin\_\_prssx\_\_ his\_\_ joy\_\_ at\_\_

ee\_\_gim\_\_nt\_\_ him\_\_ ' eht\_\_ aadee\_\_ilr\_\_ s\_\_

ee\_\_err\_\_sv\_\_ asw\_\_ eiqtu\_\_ adehtw\_\_ by\_\_

hist\_\_ ceelmow\_\_ ' ghhotu\_\_ eh\_\_ ddi\_\_

not\_\_ know\_\_ jstu\_\_ ahtw\_\_ ot\_\_ aekm\_\_ fo\_\_

it\_\_

ieeeeineecaiegtheaaghadaadbdo  
meieknelhimnquhhetihadees  
nhssrpgwsjmst ihoujoowelkiy  
rotxvo was tis try et  
to wr su wt t m  
tt

" i\_\_ know\_\_ ouy\_\_ i\_\_ know\_\_ ouy\_\_ "

acdeeilmx\_\_ eht\_\_ bllu\_\_ ee\_\_irr\_\_rt\_\_

addgin\_\_ ceeilnnnoqstuy\_\_ ' ahtw\_\_ s\_\_

oruy\_\_ ae\_\_mn\_\_ ? "

" amt\_\_ o\_\_ ae\_\_hnrst\_\_ ' ehty\_\_ ac\_\_ll\_\_ em\_\_

am\_\_mty\_\_ ' asw\_\_ eht\_\_ ae\_\_nrsw\_\_ ' hitw\_\_ a\_\_

aaaiagaedanheebkahahelecaiehae a  
edcknimieaoneheuelsteorllimh s  
tidlnnmhcsstsiqulntwyru wrtt  
yommyo snot tr nnwyrr w  
tum o w u to  
x r y

aabdelnopr abekr in eht ceiov

" i know ehmt' adis eht bllu

eeirrrt' cein fklos."

" best eerv' adis eht

aadeeirl' ginrty ot be

aachlnnnot' adn accghinrst a

aaecdaaaeeebaeafacdabceibgiae  
nbnhdhaeblhniceagdikheee nolc  
pereielenrtmridioinsthh vu l  
tirknnlvtt rynnkslo th  
irroor s s tr t  
o st w t

aefl chhiw asw not eeht' i

dno t beeemmrr ouy' ehnw ddi

ouy know ehmt'?"

" abotu eefnortu agst ago' ehnw

ehly eerw first adeimrr' ew

eeekp ackrt fo eimt eehr by eht

dabakneacefbaenimagheadebdedee  
feeotthechheertnmarrheen wihhn  
kheputofekmiestyoe sieeo ywi  
tley wrimtrofs ot twhg t  
yon wrrou tm tu rr  
ou w wr

ceeilns agst' i adh foru."

" hist is my first adn lnoy

eno' ouy eerw beefor my eimt'

i egssu' eh eflt gnouy adn

hsy'

" cemo for a akw' adn ellt em

icceeseoraaeeabefaaedmgeaidee  
lheiesfstmerffekhoandnonllmm  
oigmnnyiu wgswiilt dnfotrln  
snhus o h lst rou u ty  
to s y r y y  
y

all abotu ehmt' asw his enw

definr' s aiiinnottv'

" aenr' t ew adellow in eeht'?"

adeks amt' giklnoo adortw eht

aegt'

" ersu' ouy acn go in eeehnrvw

aaieaboamenaalagedainhaedeeeee  
aakeddtsoitcemkiiginowhhenehr  
fllee tutu hinotnons wirnrtw  
grren yw llo wow t ts v  
strn vot  
su



ouy antw ot' emos fo su do at

first' btu ew dno t asty"

"eikl it beertt deiostu?"

"no' no' it ins t ahtt."

"ehnt hwy aer all ouy efllosw

agghinn adnoru eehr' any dlo

faheeagbabaredaherefaaaedllas  
hiiginihuieteedleuohideyloodt  
ylnknntyrouismml tostfy o w  
nost ot townsoon tsutn  
or w w tt t r o t us  
tu t y

dgo acn ees it' s beertt bdenoy

eht achr"

"ouy ees' ew' er agiintw for

oru fklos ot cemo."

eht aadeeilr adegprs it at

ceno' adn dddeno

dhceaaaedaedceaeaedieg aerond  
oheuaicedeleidedsbettir boy  
one coehs no gomwpit nt ft  
tog frlks to rrs  
tuo snn w t  
yr r

addegilnnnrstuy'

"i eflt ahtt awy ehnw i acem

aglno eht ador' it dlnouw t be

ahtw it' s deoppssu ot be

hiottuw ehmt' it dlnouw t be

eht ceefprt acelp"

ahaeeraecamadacedheldbdcabebe  
thdfgitfedenglasetoenuien me  
uieholthnhioplitiw uo l t t  
wionpst shrtppoy w wo n  
wltrut t su wy  
n t t t

"not ot su' adis eht bllu"

eeirrrt'

"efin' i' ev elnost benos' btu

it mstu be ahtt i aehv been

efginorv' fi i m ot ees ehmt

eehr aagin' it' s eht aegrt

feieeaeabeefhaaidnhaeebbaebmt  
heogiegiinitiiolethboeeeeeheu  
ifrmisonus sstmitoesgeslln  
tnrnutr v t s thvnrutt  
orr vt t  
t t

dgoo acelp all ghirt' btu kloo

eehr' " eh addde as a enw

ghhottu ckrstu him' " do ehty

aitw for su?"

eht delor aabhiinntt cdeghou

in ghilst aabeemnrst

gaedgfdaceaababhaahaecbughedok  
heielhgeetedcadiagnm deutheo  
ihosoilhruimderrimst nowt ly  
thot lohs rnhk ris t no  
tnru ptrt sull ts t  
wo

" eht ahmsu cdlnou' t do ahtt

ervy ellw' it dlnouw' t be eht

ghint ot aehv ehmt aghn adnoru

deiostu for jstu a dgo not

ddefgiin."

" eigtu ghirt' " adeegr amt

degegdeeagaicosadaddadgaahahed  
ohhiieeldhhteutheleedgobeootn  
tiinifimfnrvj ulgm hont mrtu  
vqrnthtoios t woun n t n t  
tts wurl t r t t  
uuy

" i' m adgl ehty go aghirstt ot

ehirt aimnoss' i d i d aeht

ot aehv ehmt giimnss em as i

am giimnss ehmt' " eh deghis

" btu' ehnt' ehty dlnouw' t aehv

ot aitw os glno."

abehageadgeheeeegiideladaeaaee  
thuiailaehilhghsowhgrdighhdio  
ti mismhntnmniys nt iighshtv  
tm mrvsino oonm ou mn tt t  
o t t ss tts s s  
o w t t y

" ho' ellw' ehty er eggintt no

dno t be acdddegorsu' "

cdefmoort eht eeirrt' " adn in

eht aeeimmnt it s eikl a bgi

ehlot in emmrsu' acghintw eht

enw aailrrsv' ees' eehrt is

ceeeaeadaiecereaeadceiaabdgen  
dhhflrbeldlheeseegeeeereggihi  
hom mreitimhitrrrightinison  
non owilvstsmot rwlikt n nt  
tot t rn us u s tr  
ow tn t y t

eghimnost dgino now."

all eht dgos eerw adeorsu ot

ceeeimnttx by a eilltt efgiru

agikmn ist awy aceilnnrtuy pu

eht alst elops' afhl fo ehmt

aderstt ot eemt it' cdginorw

aaaeladedodbaeareaafcafedgege  
ehcineeigogmeeeuhcerleifdhnm  
mleiteinnsliong iilrooniito  
sokrtgmtts opwt lotttrswlyur  
stl ths tt syy ntw u t u  
txm th w n

abotu in a gilnov' aeegr ackp'

"kloo otu' dno t acers it'."

acdeinotu eht delor aailmns'

ehilw dorw asw adeptss ot ehost

aefhrstt fmor eht aegt:

"cikqu! cikqu! a abby's cemo!"

aaiiceiedaicaniaabaaaeialacke  
caoleknnqdrdesohdecaaeimcohes  
fboohoorfthkvtlesgbdgsotpmo  
whrti sttu lm ngsrerntsr ts  
lutk wu oo p set  
quut wo t y

beefor ehty adh eeilnrty

abdeelmss' eehorvw' a agntu

ellowy dhnou dehpsu ghhortu

eht cdorw' aegv eno ffins at

eht allms cdhil' adn hitw a

elpy fo joy ccdehoru at ist

aeecbaedecdaadscaddaagafgat  
beelmefhdongcldueeedreifhna  
tefoomllhuyhhpeveheishioith  
thlprootj yhire hnn tnltu s  
yhl sr wl ovo ont wryu t  
yss w o wu r t

eeft' eht abby abcdeemr eht

dhnou in cegiinnoot' adn eht

otw demov adortw eht aegt'

jstu deiostu eht dhnou deoppst

ot aekps ot an aacciiorrstt

st' abdenrr how adh been

feenbeaeaibaaahahadabcaadhched  
hoosdeihdrdcbgndmbhecdaneiepe  
jostmorkerdeohorhonnendntop  
stutpotnsteownretiotoeest t  
tu un o wt i iru grtt  
tw vt t y ts

-----:  
defilnry

"-----' dlo  
orrsy ot aeelv ouy'

-----' " eh adis' "btu i' m  
efllow'

-----  
ggino in ot achtw eorv eht

-----  
dik' ouy ees' i' m all ehs ahs

-----."  
pu eehr

-----  
fedeedenoeheaaechoabeoldeehas  
fiihgrit seesaidm ollrshhm  
goilnwlu tl wvi y uvut i  
kplnoyoy o t t  
urorry  
s

-----  
eht bllu eeirrrt dekloo at eht

-----  
aadeeilr for aaceiinopprt'

-----' " eh  
"ahtt's eht awy ew do it'

-----  
adis dlopruy'

-----"  
"esy' btu eht aadeeilr ptu

-----  
his adeh no eno deis in

-----  
aaeabaadtderoaeeracdadalatphee  
hheddebetferraepsedeeedoe th  
sihehp lluhlywihrweiikiitn ut  
tiistulo on np iooti  
tr ru to ty l r n  
ys s

-----  
eeilpprtxy'

-----?"  
"esy' btu ahtw adeks eht

-----  
degiu'

-----  
"eht dgos ahtt dno t aehv any

-----?"  
eelopp eht bdeinoos dgos

-----'  
"ahtt's eht best fo all ho'

-----  
geeaedbgshahaebddaekadaoeany  
pehdleoithaasoofsehtdgoh  
pthelesutyt bt t nst llvhs  
tipt x t w nt o  
uop t  
yrs

-----  
eeghinrtvy is ghhottu otu

-----'  
eehr' cchoru dnow' ouy mstu

-----' "  
be deirt' adn achtw' adis

-----  
eht bllu eeirrrt'

-----  
noos ehty deips aehnort allms

-----  
fmor agikmn eht nrtu in eht

-----  
beeebmadigcaiddhanchhensahall  
eeemircennehnderatghtioumidt  
fhonyteiotgireewnuonyor sme  
horr thkyuspshowourt u tus  
sort uhl rtit t t  
tv lr

ador' eh eorw a boy costu s  
 fimnoru' btu eh asw a eilltt  
 aefflru' for all ahtt' os enw  
 asw hist adeenrtuv' eht dgos  
 eors aagin adn defflnsu' btu  
 eht beertt degmoor fo eht

faadbagaeadaeaalbafaacdhdhbgew  
 reaefeheibogedemedhffeeieole  
 rhefohis fornhsnesolhlsotns  
 tnirtrlt nurnnouroy s out st  
 uos um r t ot wt t t t u  
 wos t w v u t

cceilr dehl abck' adn in ehirt  
 acelp a ackp fo ddos adn dens  
 fo eht acmnopy anr dnow ot  
 eemt him' eht boy costu asw  
 adeerrssu by ehirt defilnry  
 adeitttu' adn aefrt eginptt

aeaceeacdaaabaeadacdaeddagdir  
 ceachedeelbhdobfieddoeiniehes  
 mfeilhieomcketchkonrfoinntln  
 oirssurhp dnnfyotrnpuntwns  
 pltttu m py hry srwt oy  
 rt t t t t t

ehmt aaiillmpty' eh cehos an  
 dlo adefhinos abckl adn ant'  
 adn eht otw adepss in'  
 amt dekloo egiilnnoqstuy'  
 "ehty ddin' t know aceh ehort!"  
 eh acdeeilmx'

aadefadaadedaablacaeacdosaeen  
 hedelcehdmnedeloedhecghotenr  
 ohemthlienoipknsiokinhlyth  
 tlh ximkiotqulstw ninn  
 tnm yoopir t sy  
 t s tw

"btu ehty' ev aalswy adentw ot'  
 ahtt' s eno fo eht bosy how  
 desu ot beg for a dgo' btu his  
 aefhrt dlnouw t elt him aehv  
 eno' os all oru arssty aitw  
 for jstu chsu eilltt efllosw

faaderheaegcfalhaebagaebaateis  
 fbehjsoobeldfoliatdehfmledvho  
 ohet sotnllthurwetlowinhiws  
 tnrt tswosun r lyroys who t  
 uot t yuv o t s s ys wlo  
 su u t t t ut

ot cemo aglno' eervy boy egst

a dgo' adn eervy dgo egst a

-----."  
aemrst

" i ceeptx eht boy s aefhrt

-----,"  
dlouw eikl ot know ahtt now

-----." no  
cdeemnot eht aadeeilr

aadcdmeaadoeaeoddafeahegats  
cimeenecdethe bireoghaotnne  
moslepleklthg knvertlbtysoo  
tougtrtin no roywsy et rw  
wo oo t tv y g  
tx

bdotu eh hiknst eigtu efnor'

' i hisw i d elt him aehv a

-----."  
dgo

-----.  
eht bllu eeirrtrt adeghlu

"' er eprtty aenr eht aehrt

-----?"  
ety' aenr t ouy

deebbadeeirdileeneaeateadeanth  
dhguirhenternisrhiigheetar  
tiowtshlptetrkt qlm hhof e  
yot ul h tou ur t v  
ou r t yy  
y

amt addeimtt it'

"' i ev a lot fo ahmpstyy hitw

-----,' aghinv  
aefhrst adn hitw bosy

ehmt bhot in eht afilmy' adn a

-----."  
ehmort as ellw

-----  
eht bllu eeirrtrt adeelp pu in

faehabaaanddlfeeybaaiedhaaidga  
maehbdlihoeoihh feaphy uinhn  
thmmerrlltenritr lomsly wpti  
thtverotstirwits mpyt v n  
tit eus t t l  
o w t

-----.  
aehimnosstt

"' dno t aemn ot asy ehty

-----?"  
eekp a boy

"'; aeegrstt boy no aehrt

-----."  
ent hist aery

"' ellw' ellw hist is ensw i

aeeleaibeeaaeahiboisaneeaeath  
keeoldogmeemesn soyson thryi  
tsnpnhsholltrtt t y ws  
sorti nrtnt  
wtu s y  
yu w y

hisw ehty d ekpt a boy ehnw i  
 ---. "  
 asw eehrt  
 eht aadeeilr dekloo at his enw  
 definr eilnntty  
 " ---' how aer ouy? " eh  
 ---.  
 adddeemn  
 daeaadeddadeheoakadbat hheenew  
 feeendeeetenklpore you wihn i  
 thienheee lwtlyt e oy s  
 wimthhin o  
 wrs irry  
 ss t r

btu eht ehort dehirru no  
 " i desu ot nru aawy fmor ehmt  
 jstu ot alpy hitw a boy  
 ehty d hinpsu em' adn i aalswy  
 adentw ot ellt ehmt it asw  
 ehirt afltu for not eggintt  
 baeieddaolaeflhahaaebeimalgams  
 jhetrdepolhehnieheandoonanhey  
 thntseftpnirlomtnoi drotisw  
 tisutho totsrrwrtrrm fttw t  
 wuty t uttyu uw t g y  
 u u y i

---. "  
 eno  
 " ---' how aer ouy? "  
 aadeeprt amt " agiklnt all  
 hist eeinrstt in em' oot  
 ---' "  
 ehosw dgo eerw ouy  
 " ---' ouy ev aadelry deegssu i ees  
 oeeeaaddalaeadanalainedali see  
 rhhoeieereereingmessgoo l  
 this teogtomt ytouey t  
 wnos vnt yrs yyuk  
 wou r wu w  
 yp

it in oruy egiingruv nostu  
 i m eht dlo dgo ahtt adh ot  
 aeelv ehmt abotu ent aersy  
 ---. "  
 ago  
 " ---' dlo dgo blluy  
 " ---' i m blluy ehty denos  
 aeaehehedbabggbrhagehaaosed  
 igeiiriolldddiuetieh sedrso  
 ithsn tomm qllvtulln ynnut  
 ltmvt y or uooy tnt y o t  
 yo u uo ty

aceh ehort hitw deeepr  
 aceffinot' ehnt dellorst abotu  
 eht adegls dehlorsu ot  
 dehlorsu' blluy eht emor  
 aeeglry deeprss for ensw  
 " eltt em' how aer ehty eggintt  
 aacecdaderbohealdeehedeabing  
 eaeegleereshedrdeeoelre ttout  
 efehllihnshsilh ehrplowg  
 shfillomop tlon for mo s  
 thgurtrr ustu str nr  
 to y ww y t t ty

aglno?  
 "ervy ellw ddeein' ehty ev  
 adip for eht ehosu"  
 "i i eoppssu ouy ccopuy eht  
 eeklenn?  
 "no' ehty adis ehty cdlnou t  
 aaedefhellhaedeedeoccepldehe  
 keingloeppeidoohetcouyvn t  
 pinnitsrytsinhyts huy t  
 lory wu s uu  
 no  
 v

adnst it ot ees aehnort dgo in  
 oruy dlo acelp"  
 blluy deoppst ot hlow eglnty'  
 "ahtt cehostu em' it s  
 eegnorsu in ouy ot eltt it' ot  
 hiknt ehty deimss em!  
 beaadoidechaceeeahieeegedogyin  
 ghhekolhoiledemednmthll itl to  
 soilr soupneiosotootlsr nt  
 ttlnst ts pomsst ot  
 ytnny tt tp s u w  
 uur ut y y

for a eilltt ehilw ehty entw  
 no in ceeilns' btu as eeginnv  
 efl' adn eht ghilt fmor eht  
 deglno eersstt deiins fo eht  
 city aegv eht lnoy glow ot eht  
 ceens' blluy egrw enorsuv adn  
 ccedagabdeeeceghbgeiaeeefeeade  
 felienaielleeslelhndfoomsnheg  
 fille lilrleewoilstehroutohnh  
 gnrnn snntnht rint glvovwtin  
 ooty st th iuy tr w tnt  
 so vu ty nw s y t



deeggsstu ahtt ehty go abck'

"ew acn' t ees os ellw at

ghint' adn i eikl ot be eprtty

celos ot eht ahpt' aceeillpsy

adortw gimnnor."

amt adeensst'

caaaaaaddedagakeeeegbabaaelty  
niggcdsenrheeliohwtlloecickty  
slghestentnenpsth yospetprl  
tomsestmotsh t t  
tuo r ot ti  
ww t i

"adn i illw inopt ehmt otu'

ouy ghimt not know ehmt jstu

at first."

"ho' ew know ehmt' eeimmosst

eht abbeis aehv os gnorw pu

ehty er aehrtrt ahyz in ehirt

aaedbabhealhaoeeatgeeenheer  
thefiieilnherhhmwyhhmmoimis  
thhymietknootinoz simwtjtpt  
yon rgwrstwtvkns ton tuus  
ou rs t t ro u  
t w

cceeillnoort fo how ew kloo'

ehty hiknt ew er beggir ahnt

ew aer' btu ouy acn' t floo su

dgos."

"it s ddenoorstu' amt

cgilnnnuy aadegnrr' ahtt ehnw

cecaieecbeaneafdcaigaefaohahen  
deenllgidiorroneebntgehlolkns  
rhgornhlnkrstooghdw tmrotowu  
tinsstuntutwyor o wt t  
woty y u  
u

eh or ehs aeirrsv ouy' ll orst

fo aekm ehmt eefl at ehmo

ehilw i aitw for eht boy?"

"ahtt' s eht best alnp'."

adeensst blluy' diklny' adn

fi by any accehn eht eilltt

aehaakadeaahaecokiaalbileaedt  
hfibetehtbclbfeelphdnhlmtlnr  
ifsen enthemlfoestheulot so  
oh lr i wherrisr tle yoy  
ws mt s y it nvt no  
t oy s u y yt

efllow dhlosu cemo first'---

eehrt' s been a lot fo ehmt

hist emmrsu -- fo ceorsu ouy ll

-----? "  
cdeinortu em

" i ahlls be dopru ot do it ."

feelealcbbeedaclcetffdohem ll  
ihirhdsleeelpofodouoiestit  
thlrosumhemn roumt osrtyou  
titsowusmor o r  
n s u

adn os hitw elmsuzz knsu

beeentw ehirt apsw' adn hitw

ehirt eesy agiinnrst dnow eht

-----' ----' ehty aitw  
giilmprs ador'

-----' .  
deiostu eht aegt

aedgedeseheiaaaaaleegadainithe  
bheiieewiheogdpenhnysndkt th  
oilsrimytshsmrtitis unww  
pntwron ttr ruzzws wo  
tut s t