ANTIGRAMS FROM WORD WAYS: A RETROSPECTIVE

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In the November 2009 Kickshaws, Ove Michaelsen presented a selection of antigrams (antonymic anagrams) from various sources, but excluded mention of any from Word Ways. I’ve presented nearly 200 herein (02-monograph#5 up/dn, 03-96, 03-282, 04-277, 05-91, 05-214) and felt a review of the best of these would give Word Ways due credit and balance out Ove’s list. A few of these don’t agree grammatically but were apt enough otherwise to forgive and include. I’ll discover yet more antigrams, I expect, once I resume my Definitive Anagrams study of M-Z.

abet beat
admit dam it
better off oft bereft
certainly I can’t rely.
clamor or calm
conventional I vote non-clan.
credited cited red
dazzle deal ZZ
defence de-fence [charade]
dereliction toil in creed
derogator “Good!” rater
disallow “Do as will.”
do well led low
easygoing I gag on “yes”.
enthusiastic Case it, shun it.
etire ie, rent
fakir kafir
fashionable Fine? Ha, a slob!
firm “Mr. If”
forbid bid for
forgo go for
frigid I’d frig.
gets a lot got least
hallowed a low held
harmfulness harmless fun

heroizes “He is zero.”
hesitant hasten it
honestly on the sly
impartially I’m part, I ally. [charade]
imperfections of precise mint
“Indeed.” denied
indiscreet I’d screen it. [antonym or synonym]
indiscriminate Discern aim in it.
inflated I end flat.
innermost I nest on rim.
interaction or can’t tie in
interim termini
is fertile if sterile
legion lone GI
lowlands all downs
OK KO [verbs]
rousing souring
ruthless hurtless
sainted stained
scolded coddles
sea lords sod earls (Sea Lords sod Earls?!) sheared adheres
tsincere I screen.
striking skirting
tip pit

If there were other good antigrams in earlier issues I’ve forgotten, I apologise. Please send them in, plus any new ones you have.