

PALINDROMANIA: DON'T NOD

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In this article, the reader is invited to complete the following palindromic sentences (with all vowels except Y identified). Each palindrome is clued by a rhymed couplet, and capitalized words are labeled with an asterisk. Answers can be found in Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.

1. -E -00-- A --A-- -A--A-* -00-, E-?
A serpent hole?
Bypass it, Dole
2. -A- -0 -AI- A -IA-0--? A-!
Oh, families, are you now undone?
No girl engaged? Not even one?
3. -A- A -0-A-0 -0- A-0- A -A-?
Mixed tubers in a jumbled heap--
Can we be sure that they will keep?
4. -0- -I- -A-A* -A-0- 0- A -A-A-. -I- -0-?
It's strange that neither star
Chose to paddle thar
5. '-A-* -A- -U-- --U- -A- -A-
"Rah! Rah!" the blunt hawks loudly bellow,
Discomfiting the simple fellow
6. -E -E- -A- A--E-- A -A- (-E -E-)
When judging tubers, one's allowed
A friend or two, but not a crowd
7. --U-- A-E -E-A-* -U--
Bugs, low down,
Zap Lone Star town
8. --0--- -A- -A-- -I- --A- -A-- --0--
Half asleep, my rookie aide
Cautiously unsheathed his blade
9. E-I- -A- E-E -A- -I-E
Now would it not be wise to vent
Before one's energy is spent?

10. -A* --O-- -U-- A- A --U- --O-, -A-*
 Pay arms toll?
 Mom's in control
11. -O-- E-U-- -U-E --O-
 We get swill
 From the Hill
12. -A-, I -A-E- -E-A- I- A-.*
 Hey, pal, when I first awake,
 I find some coffee hard to take
13. --A- "A" -O- O-O- O- A- A--
 Ah, that glorious mountain dream!
 Here is my primary scheme
14. A- A -A-E, -E--A-E -A--E-* E-A -A-A
 When challenged, try to find the facts
 Regarding Jimmy's thoughts and acts
15. -A--* -EE-- A --EE-- -A-
 The school-book lamb, now tired and old,
 Finds his mistress leaves him cold

I am indebted to the editor for suggesting some of the couplets.

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