LETTER HEIGHT LIPOGRAMS

ANIL
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lipo-marylambs mar’s wee ewe
mar owns a wee ewe; ewe owns a snow cover.

as mar comes on courses, so ewe comes on. — a no-no!
ewe amuses coursers, roar “ewe on courses! eux-eux-eux!”

Libby, Pig
libby dig light pig, light pig dig libby,
libby ‘fly’, pig fly, libby fly High, pig fly High. — Ill, it!
lippy kid ilk bid “pig fly high? yip-yip-yip!”

Eux-eux-eux and yip-yip-yip are dialect laughter, perchance resembling your own? (eux eux) The verses, a pleasingly sleek one of short letters (acemnorsuvwxz) and a relatively baroque-looking one of tall letters (bdfghijklpqty), reflect the fact that a mere 2-3% of pocket dictionary words contain only short letters—despite having half the alphabet and four vowels—while all-tall words at 1.5 vowels make up only a quarter that many. All-tall is so restrictive I had to change Mar’s name and pet (but lambs can’t fly anyhow) and school, assuming Mar’s was Primary school. The original Marylamb is 15% short words (a, was, as, snow, sure, one, see) and 2% tall (it). But only 3 of over 10^66 named numbers are short (zero, one, seven) and 1 tall (fifty).

lipo-sesquipedalia
The longest short- and tall-letter words await discovery. Among Chambers Anagrams’ 110,000 ≤15-letter alphomes the longest shortie is curveaceousness (14; plural 16), the longest tallie is fifty-fifty (10) or, unhyphenated, flightily, highlight and hillbilly (9). I also checked A and I in Web-3. The biggest A short was aversenesses (12), but acroceraceousnesses—properties of or like a fly genus—is an inferred 19(?). Ironically the biggest I tall was itty-bitty (9) or, unhyphenated, the tautonym/near-palindrome ipilipil (8; a shrub). Would you buy ipilipilibility (15)? I thought not.

lipo-pangrams
SHORT WORDS: zax, sun rove cwm. (The zax, like the sun, traverses the valley regularly.) This 13-letter sentence is a perfect [ly ridiculous] pangram sentence of official Scrabble words. The zax in the story is shared around, being the only slate-working hatchet in the whole Welsh valley.

TALL TALES: A perfect tall-letter pangram requires abbreviations: Light by JFK pdq! These tall sentences repeat only i’s and use the only tall Scrabble q word, qi (chi, life force):
1(16) gild pith qi by kif j! (Brighten your core energy via a kif cigarette!)
2(17) kid “qi jib”, filthy pig? (Does the nasty cop ridicule this “energy sail” claim [for kif]?) J is slang for joint (Cassell Dictionary of Slang), the rest are Scrabble words. My best all-Scrabble sentence (#2) required some “creative” phrasemaking.