

ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

IT'S A JUMBLE OUT THERE James Puder

I canna dat say, Shel--and I don't know if'n I believe ya! Oh, Man! You con me again and I'll jeer ya and I'll bane ya and I'll jeer ya some more, turkey! Ana told you!

KICKSHAWS

A Head O' Beer Read up the columns, starting with the fourth one.

Little Miss Muffin "Without haste" gives the answer. The poem is a lipogram omitting the letters H,A,S,T,E.

Exray Vision In each case, add an S at the beginning and ending, and put a space after the X. The results: SEX ACTS, SEX ANIMATES, etc.

FLEDGE LEDGE EDGE Jan Anderson

These awfulest woes are "cryptograms--for boring days".

- 1 pt. for the double acrostic "W Shakespeare"
- 2 pts for expanding words "Whoever pens this rhyme, me"
- 0.5 pt. for reading "spectral author" as "ghostwriter"
- 1 pt. if you rode "jack's colt" to "Jonson"
- 1.9999 pts if you searched the "poem-plays" and pocketed the double joey, "Pepys" going forward and "Sam" coming back
- 91.5 pts if you grasped the cipher "F.B. did odes" (Remember HAL in "2001: A Space Odyssey" shifted to IBM?)
- 0.0001 pt. to decode "Elia"
- 1 pt. for routing the anagram "that is, the elf" (or vice-versa)
- 1 pt. for knowing there's no honor among thieves ("the elf" and "me"), and so "no Homer"
- 0 pts for the acronym "Whatever it looks like," and "will, I am" in the intro paragraph
- 10 pt bonus for figuring out the math