REDDUCING PHRASES

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The words of a phrase each lose a single letter to make another phrase:
SHE WAILS    FAST RATE
HE AILS     FAT RAT

In a few cases the words of the second phrase can also each lose a single letter – to make a third phrase.
THIS CART’S SOLID
HIS CAT’S SOLD*
IS CAT OLD?*

* indicates a relationship between two phrases

PAIRS OF 3-WORD PHRASES

SHE CHARMS SANDY CAN’T IT BLEND?  NOW SHE STAYS*
HE HARMS ANDY CAN I BEND?  NO HE SAYS!*

THIS COLD SLAB* SHE’S PRUDE LADY  DOT IS FRAIL
HIS OLD LAB*  HE’S RUDE LAD    DO I FAIL?

BLESS THEM ALL MARY STANDS STILL  AROUND THE RUINS*
LESS HEM AL  MAY SANDS SILL (d.i.y. window) ROUND HE RUNS!*  

HER STINGS SWELL RUNS AROUND BUSH  BARE LADY’S COLD
HE SINGS WELL  RUN ROUND BUS    ARE LADS OLD?

DI, MEET HERO*  THE HEARTS THERE  WHERE’S SHANDY DRINK?
I MET HER*  HE HEARS THEE  HERE’S HANDY RINK (ice)

FUSE WENT BANG  SPORT ONE THERE (a tie)  THIS WINDOW’S OPEN
USE WET BAG  SPOT ON HERE    HIS WIDOW’S PEN

HER STOLEN LOOT*  ESTATE MANAGER’S CALL (phone)  ALL CROWS BLACK
HE STOLE LOT*  STATE MANAGES ALL    AL ROWS BACK

SOLD TRAM RAILS
OLD RAM AILS
PAIRS OF 4-WORD PHRASES

HIS GHOST WENT PAST  THE MAKERS SCORN BLEND (coffee)  THE BEST ONE LOST *
IS HOST WET PAT?  HE MAKES CORN BEND (magic!)  HE BET ON LOT *
HER HARD TIMES HURT  TURIN'S CRAFT HOVER THERE
HE HAD TIM'S HUT  TURNS RAFT OVER HERE

TRIPLE 2-WORD PHRASES

SINGER'S CHAIR  FORGET CLOCKS  ACROSS BROADS (Norfolk, UK)  STOOPS DOWN
SINGES HAIR  FORGE LOCKS  CROSS ROADS  STOPS DON
SINGS AIR  FORE LOCK  ROSS’ RODS  TOP’S ON
SPORTS GONE  HANDY STORE  HEARD CRASH
SPOTS ONE  HAND SORE  HARD CASH
POT’S ON  HAD ORE  HAD ASH

TRIPLE 3-WORD PHRASES

HIS MANAGER’S STALL *
IS MANAGER TALL ? *
I MANAGE ALL

QUADRUPLE 2-WORD PHRASES

STEALS JOINT (of meat)
SEALS JOIN
SAL’S JON (her man)
AL’S ON (stage)

A SENTENCE *

HIS CAT HOMER...
IS AT HOME