

The Failure of Hope & Wandel

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f--- --' abe---' in
f--- --' abejz ehop' in
-----' ot mr' eikp adelnw'
accghio' ot mr' eikp adelnw'
-- -- aelnors' bcdeemr 2,
fo enw aelnors' bcdeemr
1877.

i illw not beor ouy' my ader
i illw not beor ouy' my ader
cficagonojaaerehdecembandear
fhoielrorlebmr oiee ierdel
irwmlm tobns pok mn
o n w t oz ypu wy

eflow' hitw a aaeinrrtv fo my
eflow' hitw a aaeinrrtv fo my
ejnoruy f--- enw aelnors ot
ejnoruy f--- enw aelnors ot
hist alopr eginor' it is cdlo
hist alopr eginor' it is cdlo
in accghio' beeeilv em' adn
in accghio' beeeilv em' adn
eht hnoorstu how cemos eehr'
eht hnoorstu how cemos eehr'
as i ddi' hiottuw a aelry fo
as i ddi' hiottuw a aelry fo
aeechdcaaiohbaeiaaeeiaaacdfdy
aeechdcaaiohbaeiaaeeiaaacdfdy
fhiineidfooieehneoeieeleenelm
fhiineidfooieehneoeieeleenelm
ihlloiolgrtmtgionrolmenhyof
ihlloiolgrtmtgionrolmenhyof
jnursouthrwn hlotvrmrivr ro
jnursouthrwn hlotvrmrivr ro
to s py wr r nou r ts s to
to s py wr r nou r ts s to
ts w w w t o
ts w w w t o

enoss adn aers illw aehv
enoss adn aers illw aehv
aenors ot eegrrt his aeikmnst
aenors ot eegrrt his aeikmnst
cemnooy in aagginnrr his
cemnooy in aagginnrr his
fiottu'
fiottu'
ot beinsssu' aekl acghiimn is
ot beinsssu' aekl acghiimn is
efnorz ffist' acfny' o cdhil
efnorz ffist' acfny' o cdhil
ecabemandieaglaaecigcaicaakdn
ecabemandieaglaaecigcaicaakdn
feoeininenfarrakghlihhiehiles
feoeininenfarrakghlihhiehiles
noofonysisrerreniims higt n i
noofonysisrerreniims higt n i
oosnos to sf sftln mvs
oosnos to sf sftln mvs
rrtsst t w y o s
rrtsst t w y o s
tu zu
tu zu

fo a diorrt ceilm' a eehst fo
fo a diorrt ceilm' a eehst fo
abdnoyy' s cei' eehrt ddehnr
abdnoyy' s cei' eehrt ddehnr
eilms glno' forty abdor' adn
eilms glno' forty abdor' adn
isx eeft chikt' it dnossu eikl
isx eeft chikt' it dnossu eikl
a eil' eikpy ader' btu oruy
a eil' eikpy ader' btu oruy
&
&
aenprrt in eht fimr fo ehop
aenprrt in eht fimr fo ehop
aalaedeoigdccdeaerbaoadddaedfe
aalaedeoigdccdeaerbaoadddaedfe
aflbfelpiieiceifhrebrofheepedk
aflbfelpiieiceifhrebrofheepedk
mireneornkhtekrmitmeohnhorli
mireneornkhtekrmitmeohnhorli
oixiotrtrniyfl ti rusunotno
oixiotrtrniyfl ti rusunotno
pnyts y st ho tr s t ysur
pnyts y st ho tr s t ysur
s y u
s y u

adelnw' aeehllosw boost adn
ehoss' enw aelnors' is eenrv
kknow ot bfi' my alnp is ot
acllor ahtt cei' dinw pu eht
eenprst beinsssu adn dens no
eht emnoy at ceno' i ll ptu pu
caedalnebaabecaeabadlenandeup
kheentnefiiiieecepidisindten
phlleotohholnlelnslinslpethr
snsmr twusoroms wnotsspou
toown ywtt sny o u vo
wro s s t

a aeehorsuw as bgi as eht
acilopt at aghinnostw' eorst
it fllu adn hips ot oruy
deorrs as eht ehnorstu aekmrt
amy eeiqrur' i acn dens it in
aklnps for agiknst floors' in
aaaakehaandhaahbaghaendhaoken
caderelfaresahicigoelnomerren
ilpfrlloireweisingtfnotrit it
mrwiroquost kstinn orours i
otynts st ss out ss st
p us u p t y

aeesttttu for eht aelmnt' in
aghinssv for ejlpsu' or in
ilnoostu for cei acemr adn
aeeglur eopprssu' it is a bgi
ghint!
i ceilnos a hint ilps as a
geaecagnefafohceecieaiaaaaabig
ihangelsefopoielheliameid in
shiniospsortjin prmpnssl
soitrlot urr rus sst ot n
stlutnt s t
t nvu

aelmps' ddi ouy eerv ees chsu
acghimnr cei?
fmor mr' eikp adelnw' fo enw
aelnors' ot mr' abejz ehop' in
accghio' bcdeemr 24, 1877.
oruy eelrtt asw os aabbilmnoy
caacaegddcceabaeababoebenabchn
chieagnttedeemsejdeeazshfpeeli
fhlmlio iekmou noel mi nuwy
oomplmr ii wrw rv r oo s
sror ms po y s
yrur n tr

acddeef by bgilnott adn

bgilnrru ahtt it asw eeilnrty

beegiilll' it mstu aehv cemo

all eht awy by aertw' by eht

adi fo accehilms adn

aghhoopprty' eehorvw' i aehv

aedacebabahabaisaadaebtcaey
ahfegfdceembchltenehandyhohe
bilrogeghhyilomtiter ve irme
dlltohnlpityityoustgr i tvl
ilo rir wy t tw vns n
plu ti w w

adem it otu' btu ouy fgoort ot

ceilnos eht aelmps fo cei'

i aehv dlos ffo eeghinrtvy' (at

an aagilmnr accefiirs' i am

orrsy ot asy' adn ceilnos

adfrt for ent amnotu' ahlls

aaaalaemihaeoamdeeccfhcaal ao
dncaoeffooldysaanefinelihegm tt
indetiroone sbcpuiioftoielt
iohfvstsrsg tffrlvnry oigo
mrrly t tun mtoyot srn
s r t u u s

begin ot aprs for deorrs at

ceno' i rsttu eeghinrtvy ot

ouy btu' i asy' ahs abdnoyy

deirt ot gorw cei in hist

ciiintvy? eehrt is aekl

aachinnoprtrt' ouy know

beccdaioraiiaeacehalaaegbady
oicembrotgihrreroerindehisoo
pngenitt rpns foisknhins tt
toiin tt srot ivr orokny
voni ty tsw y u ys tr
yru u u y t w

fmor mr' abejz ehop' in

accghio' ot mr' eikp adelnw'

fo enw aelnors' abefrruy 27,

1878.

aeinnw ader' it dlouw do ouy

dgoo ot ees oru enw aehorsuw

caicaeodeaaaairhfefedaaedelse
ffndegooreebmrt neeluadnhoou
ghomimr sje ns oikrwino yu
oon t lo ou pou wry
wr n w tr z wpw r

for eht cei gghotu adem fo
abdors' adn nru pu aehrtr
ahilsty' it is as eprtty as a
ceiprtu' adn cost a adel fo
emnoy' gghotu i apy no dgnoru
enrt' it is abotu as bgi as

baaedhetaaddabhapaaraaaerafna
fecrilethceghciosgardbderaf d
hintrri iin isnstphseehg os
montusy is rtout p moig os
porty nt uo u y nttl ou
ros ou u t y

eht acilopt at aghinnostw do
ouy hiknt it ghotu ot aehv a
eeelpst? i aehv it aelnry
defill ffity emn cginttu adn
ginorst' ady adn ghint afluw
cdlo korw! by eht awy' eht

chedcaeifdabaaedancaeahaaead
fieeeedgnkifhaomeeshghgilgefdl
sollihirkkiitytnghtiintrnhw no
solrplo toltvthitwnotton u
tto tnp y uwn tt tv
ytu w uy y

cei' chhiw ehnw i eortw ouy
alst asw ent eeft chikt' is
now ehinnrt' btu dno t ouy
orrvy' eehrt is elnpty
oru aeehorsuw is eghit or ent
eilms otu fo notw' os i am not

iaesaaeceebeeideghceoaisent
lclrthhiheofheisneihihiyomtno
mirtwinhhrn fntplonok rou
nor ywosnors iowt tnot yu
oos rtttuw ts wrty
wuw u u s

chmu bdeehort by iiorsstv'
chhiw is a eefilr' chsu a
ggggiiln' egggiinnrs lot ouy
eenrv asw!
it eemss almost oot abdlrsuy
bcdeeiilnr' aeinnw' btu do ouy

geccebiahaledabefeigabhradluou
ihceediblarrieggeiinsbcotdooy
iigghemgwesnilinroosiloury y
mnhlins e rosnytv uts s
ntvrr os w t ut
wu s st

know i beeeilv hist cei fo
orsu agins in cdelnoss as eht
amrw aeehrtw cemos no i do'
ddeen' adn ouy amy eimnnot
eht acft in eht
adeeeimnrssttv'

aadeeaaaahdencceaneiceaidnhe
ideefdcbeieiteeohdsomeniofo
khomrgeielenthotliiy ns tsot
onrs iismirvou ms s
tnrw t tttnn ys
wuv w s

fmor mr' eikp adelnw' fo enw
aelnors' ot mr' abejz ehop' in
accghio' achmr 7, 1878.
all egos ellw' i egt ddehnrsv
fo deorrs' ew ahlls do a
aginorr adert as " eht enw

afacadersmadchaaaabedhhadeedin
chieagestpakershjehonepnews
fllmgmg rele wingelz ofwr
ooloino tire s llt un
ororrnr wowl t o
rr os m

aelnors adn accghio
deefgiimprrrs cei acmcopy' btu
ouy aehv not dlot em eehrtw
eht cei is efhrs or alst' fi
it is efhrs it now t do for
cgiknoo' adn fi it is alst it

ceeeaaeeaaaddceccacmepahafhebtt
ihlicfreghdihfedgoisaleloifu
oomkhnfrinifriihinomsdntttri
sooping innt ioloort woy r
tru irs so tsw t s
yt s v s t

illw ilops eht imnt ejlpsu'
is it as cdlo in eht ddeilm as
eht deiostu cstus aer?
fmor mr' beejz ehop' fmor
accghio' ot mr' eikp adelnw'
fo enw aelnors' ailpr 3, 1878.

cfecagaoiceaceihaeejfaddee as
fhiemooidebdrtmihelmiedll
ihllospsrjeles nonke ulnms
oiomturs lothu sppri wrop
tr n wt lo mz pr
ws t n tt

----- no eht aekls is now

-----' adn hipss aer chikt as

-----' i m aaflo' en eortu

-----' hitw eht aessst

----- enw aelnors adn accghio

----- cei acmnopy in my

dacibaafagiaficaaceaeaacheaago
feekeefidlodileaerlakdiciicmw
nfmngrfiemshnliehsoenenokiesoy
oorphutnin orpohn thnrhssns
opvts now o wstt mp syutt
su r t t

-----' ew aer bdestu

-----' my oopr eikpy ew aer ot

-----' adn ot aefm knnnouw

----- a eegimnt fo eht

-----' adn dno t adentt

----- a cehnoors fmor

aaeaigecaeaadocfameeaefaednto
cerdnmegandeedphaoefbnhend
fortunirhomntsekern rtkeoe
lrst no ktor tingyo utsnom
orst po p t wion t wutrrw
vut ty s o t

----- asw adehmss inot

----- doow no an emnoorsu amss

-----' eht first

----- in eehst

-----' it is bcddeers by eht

----- as begin abotu as

balcaeaedaebaeachabednbamahe
marehokeingeicdinehebfersostss
merfisoaitsinneingnedmitst
oftgluvro wos emssrheoiuty
sitrvwtr ss sn ttirso
wu w s o u

----- aacilpt at

-----' eno afhl fo ahtt

-----' eikpy

-----' i

----- no an

-----' abotu a eilm

baeaegabceaaeeaaainfaahaele
bcebengabehclghfaceboot iikiy
ihfhioltheloniiohllfos n mt
tigmrotnlwoonsttoty p
uni tsruon rpt us tu t
wus v r sy

otu fmor eht ehors no eht
(
cei' ouy addennrstu' adn ehnw
)'
eht ahtw acem o my dgo'
aeinnw' it asw eht addesst
ghint ouy eerv asw in all oruy
efil' ouy illw be os adgl ot
iaefeamicadalhbaediadaadethen
lcenghoouteeersoaesoggaedtwour
ohfniroouthier oemysndlh yo
thi tyyu unmes shn oodnl
tin yw wvls trw lts
wut w t

know i asw not in it at eht
eimt'
ehtw a cdiilorsuu einogstu ouy
aks em' my oopr aenprrt' ouy
dno t eems ot know ervy chmu
abotu eht cei beinsssu'
abaemaseadichelbinaieearimhchou
ahkttethemicooknointeet oneu
dimuti res notoupwqtnrt tuoy
knnw wiy po rus russy y
too m tu s v s
wso