

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'
fo enw aelnors' bcdeemr 2,
fo enw aelnors' bcdeemr
1877.

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

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

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

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

adelnw' aeehllow 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
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caedalnebaabecaeabadlenandeup
kheentnefiiieecepidisindten
phlleotohholnlelnslinslpethr
snsmr twusoroms wnotsspwo
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
ihangelsefopoielheliamreid 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
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caacaegddcceabaeababoenabchn
chieagnttedeemsejdeeazshfpeeli
fhlmlio iekmou noel mi nuwy
oompmlr 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
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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
* * *

beccdaioraiaeaacehalaaegbady
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
* * *

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

for eht cei ghotu adem fo
abdors' adn nru pu aehrtr
ahilsty' it is as eprtty as a
ceiprtu' adn cost a adel fo
emnoy' ghotu i apy no dgnoru
enrt' it is abotu as bgi as
* * *
baaedhetaaddabhapaaraaaerafna
fecrilethceghciosgardbderaf d
hinttri 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
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chedcaeifdabaaedancaeahaaead
fieeeedgnkifhaomeeshghgilgefdl
sollihirkiiitytnghtiintrnhw 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
* * *
iaesaaeceebeideghceoaisent
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
bcdeeiiilnr' aeinnw' btu do ouy
* * *
geccebiahaledabefeigabhradluou
ihceediblarweggeiinsbcotdooy
iigghemgwesnilinroosiloury y
mnhilns e rosnytv uts s
ntvrr os w t ut
wu s st

know i beeeilv hist cei fo

orsu agins in cdelness as eht

amrw aehrtw cemos no i do'

ddeen' adn ouy amy eimnot

eht acft in eht

adeeeimnrssttv
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aadeeaaaahdencmeaneiceaidnhe
ideefdcbeieiteehdsomeniofo
khomrgeielenthotliiy ns tsot
onrs iismirvou ms s
tnrw t ttnn 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
chieagestpakershjdeheonepnews
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.
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cfecagaoiceaceihaeejfaddee as
fhiemooidebdrtmihelmiedll
ihllospsrjeles nonke ulnms
oiomturs lothu spri wrop
tr n wt lo mz pr
ws t n tt

aaggiinnotv no eht aekls is now

enop' adn hipss aer chikt as

cdksu i m aaflo' en eortu

for abfflou' hitw eht aessst

fo eht enw aelnors adn accghio

deefgiimprrrs cei acmnopy in my

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dacibaafagiaficaaceaeaacheaago
feekeefidlodileerlakdiciicnmw
nfmngrfiemshnliehsoenenokiesoy
oorphutnin orpohn thnrssns
opvts now o wstt mp syutt
su r t t

estv cekopt ew aer bdestu

otu' my oopr eikpy ew aer ot

efnortu adn ot aefm knnnouw

aaegnrr a eegimnt fo eht

cdeiorrst adn dno t adentt

alst ghint a cehnoors fmor

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

aeeiklmuw asw adehmss inot

achmt doow no an emnoorsu amss

fo afgilnot cei eht first

begr eerv eens in eehst

aerstw it is bcddeers by eht

iorrssuvv as begin abotu as

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

bgi as eht aacilpt at

aghinnostw eno afhl fo ahtt

bceegir beglnos ot ouy' eikpy

eht acehllmnoy acft is' i

biltu oru aeehorsuw no an

aabeflnoruv eist' abotu a eilm

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baeaegabceaaeeeeeaaainfaahaele
bcebengabehclghfaceboot iikiy
ihfhioltheloniiohllfos n mt
tigmrotnlwoonsttotyou 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
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iaefeamicadalhbaediadaadethen
lcenghoouteerersoasoggaedtwour
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'
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abaemaseadicelbinaieearimhchou
ahkttethemicooknointeet oneu
dimuti res notoupwqtnrt tuoy
knnw wiy po rus russy y
too m tu s v s
wso