

The Beggars
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i asw agiklnw dnow accdiillpy

not glno ago' ghiiknnt fo

enrrsuy ehmrasy adn eegginrrtt

dlo acemnor

as i asw eht eehkopprss akw

aldaeoaaalaeesdaideecccadialg
iorilomancgmgshhnkkiereftilk
nstrrrngrhnn topn pngrotwlly
nuw ssww kio own rpg s
o y ty

by in ehirt abckl cfkor acost

adn ehirt abckl ahst' i

ghhottu fo eht dlo eiln in

enrrsuy aalnns' "eht acehmnrst

fo dlnnoo' ehty aerw acelrst"

eht eersstt eerw all os

afdiehdeafbaacachaeiccachanss
bhelgheheinlbekekaflomerclatt
nhosnnrienrtheroldhl ne inet
onruortontsthey welr si ro
tu stt o ll ttr sk
ty t y r ws s o

acimnortu' aderry' ghinnot

cdlou be deno for ehmt' i

ghhottu ghinnot' adn ehnt my

ghhosttu eerw deeinprrttu by

abgiknr dgos' eervy dgo in eht

eerstt deems ot be

baedabedceedneaeaeddmgednbthe
chokehgsedghdrenrbnheoheingy
shrlghnsiemne forerrnothi my
tnrognttnoore gotrt upt i
toruitt otsi iv yy t n
utuum w t

abgiknr eervy dikn fo dgo' not

lnoy eht eilltt enos btu eht

bgi enos oot' ehty eerw all

acfgin aest adorstw eht awy i

asw cgimno by' ehnt i denrtu

dnoru ot kloo adn adh hist

bacicgeeagebklaaddeadbdaaedit
bagkdngeeliotoehedhoeheogltheo
falninhinloot kihensfretinln
oirynomo sory tnnswi tursy
rns otts ttty wtoy t t wt
wou v r u

iinosv' in accdiillpy' no eht

eiooppst deis ot eht ehossu

jstu aefrt ouy apss eht abc

aknr

allt bent emn eerw cgimno dnow

eht eerstt aaderry in

jaeioaeeniaeacaaadhcnhencabhen
oalksbfeermdircedeleohiogedow
rhnlrsirnis enutoeisitmoun s
tipo ntttt po wprs ly s t
tpst t yr y t
vus

aellmorsuv acklos' all eerw

allosw fo ikns adn ahrstwy fo

ahir' adn eht most fo ehmt

eorw aegnrst abders' ehty eerw

cgimno lloswy' adn ehty adeklw

hitw aesstv' adn ehirt adhns

caieegaaaegceaaandhafaheaadeed
halhnlndnseibeandseherhemekfe
mamiostofoshlnmard oilthenlor
sirl stolstkyondst slrythrws
worr w ru wl kst twt wwy
wotv sv o y

eerw otu for alms

all eht abeggrs adh cemo ot

notw

i dlouw aehv eginv ehmt a dglo

bdlnooou aeegnrv hitw eht

eorstw fo aceillst' btu i adh

aelblhdnbacaaaieeadibemeaegadd
dlrerleofegerailhewtchmththol
iouetoothengsglmln hot i o
townuou fog rsvn tu
towo s vr tv s
w w

no chsu cino' ehty ddi not

eems eht eelopp ot hmow it

eerw fgiintt ot effor eht aems

cino as eno ddeenrt for eht

esu fo a aabcitx o

aellmorsuv' ill adem dorw

caeeeahaciagicabeaddhdmhdthame
meemocheonenieedefedifonetse
neinufiotoeopllhmoferoorit
sors fltupixtln oroe wtro
uorv ls sn to ty w
ws t t t

elrsuy eht apss dorw eehmorsw

fo emos eilv deorr). emos fo

ehmt eorw elppru acklos hitw

deiw eegnr bdeorrs' adn eht

bdeorr fo eegnr asw a anorrw

iprst hitw emos' adn emos eorw

bfddegeeeegbaeddealdakdaeheere
oheelmoiehilemeerandannmeihfre
sireorroenppoolewcroasomeroh
soripwrfv ropn wos somrwoo
ttrm y th srrr r so t tw
wu s t u ss s s w w

acklos fo dlo adn addef der'

adn emos eorw eilotv acklos'

adn enno eorw abckl' adn ehty

bdeegg acefgllruy' as dgos

ghimt beg for lossu

i doost by a almp opst' adn

aedaedbebacadlaiaceadaddaede
aidgkodefwfueualdfascgoakd
blghnomegwole blokoselodnh
cngtoongryoof lmp pt tn rss
ino ss o orr snu s t
m s t r voy

ehty acem pu ot it' adn eno

addeerss it' acgilln eht

almp opst behorrt' adn adis'

" o almp opst' oru behorrt fo

eht adkr' aer eehrt amny

cekrs w by eeht in eht deist fo

aadcaabdoaheecaelbaaadeaedfof
ldeldcoee bpetheirehedhhdie
thepempkp irotohltingnnieno
therkprmt sr oin trmttso s
womy sssy tt tur n tyr
r s ut r o

ghint? eelps not' behorrt'

eelps not' eehrt eerw amny

cekrs w an it eerw not for

eeht."

it asw aegnrst' i adh not

ghhottu fo eht aejmsty fo eht

ihecahnaleangeeeajbadtfafythe
nheegstonfepheomeweoeyhen
sieeks soritherri ero mor
tlghp st t n t hrt nor
trout t t w nst ot
wt w

eerstt almp adn his glno

acghintw eorv dfgiinrt emn .

btu eh asw not abeehnt eht

ceinot fo eehst acdeklo

aegnrrsst .

adn ehnt eno demmrruu ot eht

aadaceegamneamdbcfadededgeehe
bnrceelaopeendreoakgnmhn
norehgnnfothoserhlrelhto t
sttihh ossvnrtu insino t
stt ni r mut t
wut tt w

----- : "-----'
eerstt art hotu aerwy'

-----?
eerstt ety a eilltt eglnor

ehty ahlls go pu adn dnow' adn

eekp eeht acdl hitw art adn

denoow bcikrs be aeinptt'

eerstt in a ehilw eht

keedenhaeacaadhbeahaaaenaedand
sheeshbiecgathiieldhdongnr
sooeet elirkowliltneteown
street rltls uottpetir t
ttrp t yn t pu wt ly
wtry t w r

----- ."
aaehkqrta cehmot

----- ?"
"how aer ouy eelopp adis .

----- ?"
"adn eehrw do ouy cemo fmor

----- "
"how amy ellt ahtw ew aer'

----- "
ehty adeenrsw' or ceehnw ew

----- ?"
cemo

caedhaaakeecdmehaocleaaedme
eahe ahereodl woerpoenceow
thho mnewereo ypht wh sfi
omo grs t lo to wm rr
wnt wuy y u u
wry

adn eno denrtu adorstw eht

ekmos adeinst ehossu' aginsy'

"bdeelss be eht ehossu'

----- ."
abceesu emn ademr eehinrt ."

ehnt i cdeeeiprv' ahtw i adh

eenrv ghottu' ahtt all eehst

abcaeiedabceddeahaahaleaheade
bedeoneheeeedhedhoeharlinheg
neersepighereomstrdssithns
shlksstornnivhtowtses tyi
tmonu t tun t tu uset
nv ur t w

-----'-----
aginst ehossu eerw not aeikl'

btu deeffinrt eno fmor

-----'-----
aehnort' abceesu ehty dehl

deeffinrt ademrs'

adn aehnort denrtu ot a eert

ahtt doost by eht eegnr akpr

ahafaeefebdbaameedeeeeeaeaaeee
aiardifnhdecesoherfrnmh ldik
bndtengoheeneurnetgroon plrk
dnfthnotoorrtusne hto t tr
sto irr trust ts y
tut st y w

-----'-----'-----
agiilnrs' aginsy' aekt

-----'-----'-----
cfmoort' eert' for eht defils

-----'-----
ahlls cemo aagin'"

adn all eht ehilw eht gluy

ekmos entw adprsuw' eht ekmos

ahtt ahs defilst acemnor adn

aaafahaemeeaeaaddrohaeacialde
chakelconhrafhefertmaheflends
rhdingstssegiigos tekegsmok
smillrls ttiplil thnu y
snmto t t uwwnn t
too w y r

-----'-----'-----
abcdeekln eht bdirs' hist' i

-----'-----
ghhottu' ehty acn eehinrt

-----'-----
aeiprs nor belss' adn ehnw

ehty asw it ehty adeirs ehirt

adhns adorstw it' adorstw eht

-----'-----'-----
adhnostu cehimnsy' aginsy'

baacgaaddahbeebandaeaaddehehe
hhadkeneochdlhcirraidehegntir
pheisennwiremness nnithhr i
thnushto rths et sostiis
tlousstw ttit iy tswyrns
troy y sy w t

"-----'-----'-----
bdehlo eht ekmos' eht dlo

aclo eforssst ahtt aehv ailn os

glno in eht adkr' adn os glno

-----'-----
illst' aer acdginn now adn

ggino abck ot eht nsu' efgort

-----'-----'-----
not aehrt' o oru behorrt' adn

cbageabaceedaacaebaadeeaadaedo
goehgfaeheadmhheghnhesfldgng
loillinrhhtsonoin rnnh lninns
noilolotrkt tsorkt soow oolo t
sonn r ts ttk tt o r
tt t ur uv r

ew hisw eeht joy fo eht nsu
it adh adeinr' adn a ceeehlrss
aemrst ddeoppr dnow a dirty
egrttu' it adh cemo fmor aehps
fo eefrsu' flou adn efgnoortt'
it adh adeeghrt nopu ist awy

gereadhdaheeaddaaddaacdeehaans
iftheadugaiheddlnmenfhegoreeps
it haf reoneeeodnf fihirtles
ot rem sitpfoj yoon toomstny
st ter rt hru upo rrs ut
wu wis t p w t wy

ghinst ahtt eerw cdeeilrt' adn
entw ot bemors adinrs knnnouw
ot amn or eht nsu' it asw hist
ellnsu aemrst as chmu as all
ehort acessu ahtt adh adem em
asy in my aehrt ahtt eht notw

oaheancahaeaaanaadlaadalaed
seilenomroebeehdrdecethakeohis
shlmgn osrhemrrethhih icsnoln
tonnis stsmhrtsstmins metttmn
ttytrt tu tsw tu urt un wn
wu y t t ws w

asw eilv' ahtt abetuy asw adde
in it' adn acemnor defl'
eenv hist ghint ehty bdeelss'
adn eno ahtt eorw a elppru
acklo hitw abdor eegnr bdeorr'
adis' " behorrt' be efhlopu

aadakieandabamabbaeebdaleddad
caedonhbrhthenadceefleebolder
eliittleshthiogneerhonlesree
inonv witothororegutpprfss
sns it rrt th yyuwpu
wv t w

ety' for hotu ahlst elrsuy
cemo at alst ot eht abcdeeeellt
aes' adn eemt eht aeghinv'
eghu' adn adeellrtv hipss' adn
ceeijor by eilss ahtt know eht
deglno nsu' eenv hstu ehty

ceadeaadbaeaeaeaeadaaeieceaahd
gegeiaendmhisleheheedhiegyble
heje cnrlnsottohllhhssknhw tne
rolo fosuttruvslnth sulnly
som nt y t tst t tvrpo
yut v t u ts

bdeelss eht egrttu' adn i eflt

no himw ot ckmo'

adn eht eelopp ahtt entw by'

in ehirt abckl eelmnsuy acost

adn ehirt aehimnpss'

mnoorsstu' hinsy ahst' eht

aldshedipbeacchaeaaeaedtcbael
andsheerreligektheetmlnthefts
bnetsheushmmhintnhn sny ioy
innwthi tooplktuprt w
mo tim t sos y s
no tro su

abeggrs alos bdeelss' adn eno

fo ehmt adis ot eno fo eehst

adkr ceinstz: " o intw fo

ghint ephilms' hitw hty cekpss

fo ehitw at irsstw adn cekn

eikl ot ghint' s acdeerstt

bageacheaaedfbieicaaidaedceces
degheiiiaehsrlsonednerndekek
lfkhhimtmiglittowosetofynepon
nfrktro nlinw s sshwth of s
oi t ts sso stt tn th
oi w t zt t s

arsst' how aeffllruy hotu dost

eilv hitw abckl hty dhi'

deegnssuu deeirss' ehty aer

deep ghhosttu in eeht ahtt

ehty illw not cfilor hitw

clooru' ahtt ehty asy no ot

cealerhedgaeaafehoahaedhardoot
deossihhhbfecheslichihnatets
sheputillwdsiiftllehtioh
tngr wsoo hostknutstywtto
uoiu w tt ntt rry yy y u
vtly u t r

elppru' adn ot ellovy eegnr

'beegno' hotu ahst dilw

acefins ahtt ehty mstu deens

be ademt hitw abckl' adn

beeilrrt aggiimnns ahtt ehty

mstu be ddehin hstu' ahs hty

baecabedahaaeibeacelsaadeedey
fbngibeehiddgnhhagkuthadeehs
merpiee tidhonihs m whgn thy
perrlel nitot lnus yilr tn
tustoms wmttu lovs tns
u t n t ty t t

losu ademrs fo eht aeglins' adn

fo eht allsw fo aefry ahtt

hotu ahs addegru it os

elrttuy' elst it adelzz

adehinosst eesy eenv os dgo

dhi eht addimno deep dnow in

afdehdaeadaaodddaaandehagiand
hholneehageeoeetfdeengelntod
oitorhrs dilmrfftheepsloos n
sotthswelsstni etryosw
tsuu iy lusyos evzz t
ut l m i

eilms fo acly

" eht denorw fo eeht is not

ademrr by himrt

" bdehlo hotu art ervy ceerst

" be deflnoruw be fllu fo

emrstyy

maeeddbdcfalabbeerilsecret
mbeelndeeliofrthveuls nft
mbhhooofthmurt t f y oo
ilrsronyrouy
trtwwy r
ys

eillnsty eht amn in eht abckl

cfkor acot adeptss no adn i

acem ot addennrstu ehnw eht

elppru abeggr adh eknops' ahtt

eht adkr ceiintz adh

acdeffikrt aehpprs hitw din

caacdacbacdaamaaddadheanbhacat
fheefekedgeeereadhnnihendldhk
pilekilkegheishaniopoke ine
srmfltoouniprshepsstwth t i
tropntry t przsn w n t
tur t t tn

ahtt in his aehrt eerw aegrnst

adn bdmu abiimnost ahtt his

bdemssu asw ddefnou by elmnos

eirt no eht oorst fo aceinnt

adiinortt ahtt it ghimt be

ceemoorv eno ady by a ceehr in

ahabceibhaabhaaoibedaaacebaege
diaddimenheehardndoeibchieenin
ondeiomotimsieitnswfrehssseismn
rrernons ontrfoustymtgntthlt
tumt tn ws ooyt hyt on
tvt us tt rr

eht eerstt or by emos eno

ggiinns a gnos' adn ahtt ehnw

hist ahmnops ekops eehrt ghimt

cemo ceflst in eht dlorw adn

eelopp eeginpr eorv at eht

ceeicgeaeaiigboaedmaeadeahdht
phigleheemrnnngpoheotehleheien
shmpsnoetsonn tkerwhron mng
tins srpftsors yvn ortt w
too t p s t t

abssy

ehnt ginnrtu adorstw eegnr

akpr' eehrw as ety ginprs asw

not' eht abeggrs cdeehrstt otu

ehirt adhns' adn giklnoo at

aaeirthaebegaandaldoegceeatast
nbeksthendeggaoserorkiigedwou
phrn uhnin srw stsprnhgn
thts wr rs t y t s trn
toy

eht efnorz agrss adn eht ety

bddginnuu eerst ehty' acghinnt

all eeghortt' deehiopprs

adffilos

a moort bimnosu acem dnow eht

aabfddgeehegbaprcaedsdcdaneheg
aheofdilgmnieessoah eieenytn
dlfuoinontrrus thme thh tt
tnl toozs r s pny ow
u m trr t

eerstt' aelnry ginnru eorv

emos fo eht dgos ahtt eerw

abgiknr cefiloorsuy illst' it

asw dginnosu ist hnor iilnosy

adn eht iinosv entw ehnt

aadeehendeagcigrehhangeeieit
bameinf feeidiosslnihillerly
srksog nhnolntsunorstnrs
sor tou tirroo u nt t wov
wts t vis y w ty t o