

The Kiss

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it āsw illst eiqtu ghilt otu
fō doors' btu deiins hitw eht
ācinrstu ādnrw ādn eht
degilmnorsu efir deginns otu ā
dim' āceinnrtu glow' eht moor
cfmdadecedbafiialddedehehoohea
diotainriigainreneelhghg otom
imrulonstnlltnugsiwniiit rut
ot wosrs rruwq ito t tnt ut
su u s t n s w

āsw flļu fō deēp ādhōssw'
āabinrrt āst in ēnō fō ēēhst
ādhōssw' it adh āeeknortv him
ādn ēh ddi nōt dimn' eht
bciorstuy elnt him ācegoru ot
ēēkp his ēesy ādeefnst ās
aaacfaididaedadaimdadahagehem
bbadheilyefeheehinecedkahesio
kednohin ilnnifmonenofren t
oheptrls ottotnposeroowes
sns uust sy st sth tt s
wrs w v u t

ādelnrty ās ēh deikl nōpu eht
gilr hōw āst in eht efghiiirt'
ēhs āsw ervy ādehmnos' hitw ā
āceinrt ēfin' chir cgilnoor
āhtt beglnos ot eht aehhlty
benru epty' ēhs āsw eiqtu
aeaeaaelfaaeheaicaeceeaaehgha
bhdlebhooegssheldhedfiiliighe
chennilypent hnnihemhlooinh t
girtwtynyviry io tho ouprltt
srtr ws ns tr tks qurtn y
tru t s ws wt

cdemoops' ās ēhs dily dekorst
eht ainsty acot fō eht act
āhtt āly cdelru in ēhr alp'
ādn ēhs āaccillnoosy enst ā
lōsw āceglñ inot eht ādhōsw
ēehrw ēhr ācimnnoop āst' ehty
ahapeaaancaaiaaeafdeaeaaaoaed
chdrogednccclenihihhehcaohy
shetsheeoocomihniillslrsldpk
tlewslhiryeronooonntystnrtw
tnm sly usspt o y s ttt
woo t st t

ēēr̄w āgikl̄nt lōw' fō
 deeffiinnrt̄ ghinst̄ chhiw
 aill̄np̄y ēēr̄w nōt ēht̄ ghinst̄
 aht̄t̄ c̄c̄dēiōp̄u ēhirt̄ gh̄h̄ostt̄u'
 ēhs̄ ēkn̄w aht̄t̄ ēh̄ d̄elov̄ ēhr̄ a
 āfk̄nr' b̄egil̄nr̄stu ēf̄llōw

feaeffabeehadhheeifeedchegsa
 ihaiklckkiieelihglhehhhhghts
 phaiknellnetningsoflioindr
 slndnoeruprgtron tovtlou
 tnet tywtst̄ ot̄ rw̄ t̄ w
 wrr̄ ut̄ tw̄

h̄iōtt̄uw̄ ēgil̄u ēgh̄nōū ot̄
 ācc̄el̄nō h̄is̄ ēēfgil̄ns' ādn̄ nō
 deēirs̄ ot̄ dō̄ os̄' fōr̄ ot̄w̄ ēek̄sw
 āpst̄ ēh̄ ādh̄ gh̄ost̄ū ēhr̄ c̄ēiōst̄y
 āeēgl̄rȳ ādn̄ ēēil̄nr̄s̄st̄ty' ēhs̄
 āsw̄ c̄d̄efil̄nnōtȳ āgīint̄w̄ fōr̄

cagccaefaadleeeaghageenandceees
 daneeel̄tgdd̄n̄feel̄fghir̄gof̄oieky
 eashohn̄ hidoploninihnt̄lsownht̄
 pesirt̄l̄ h̄nē sorsosor̄ toȳ ro
 wistroȳ iuī tsū wt̄ts̄ tw̄ s
 wot̄ ū ō s̄ ȳ ū t̄

h̄im̄ ot̄ āc̄deēl̄r̄ ēfhil̄ms̄ ādn̄ ēhs̄
 āem̄nt̄ ot̄ āc̄cept̄ h̄im̄' ēht̄
 āehr̄rt̄ āc̄fḡīīīnn̄st̄ ādn̄
 āacēin̄rt̄tt̄uv̄ āabin̄nr̄t̄ āsw̄
 ēl̄m̄nōors̄uȳ ch̄ir' ādn̄ ēhs̄ d̄eik̄l̄
 ādn̄ d̄ēēiq̄rr̄ū ēht̄ āēegn̄ort̄ū

aaaheeaceacaebfacaadlahagdiked
 eeanmoqdicecichehamenfhane she
 hidrrotiliidnehhieniosnasl
 mnm̄t̄truon̄rl̄er̄ir̄in̄int̄ tr̄d̄
 rnō tr̄ st̄sv̄ḡ pt̄ m̄nt̄ uwe
 unt̄ t̄ ū ȳ r̄ t̄ ts̄ e

ch̄hiw̄ āehl̄tw̄ c̄dl̄oū ēḡiv̄ ēhr̄'
 dḡin̄rū ēnō̄ fō̄ ēht̄ āēp̄ss̄ū
 b̄eēent̄w̄ ēhirt̄ ākl̄t̄ fō̄ ēht̄ āl̄st̄
 āet̄ ādn̄ ēht̄ ēnt̄x̄ c̄ēēin̄op̄rt̄ ēht̄
 d̄oor̄ d̄een̄op̄ ādn̄ ā̄ gn̄ouȳ ām̄n̄
 d̄ēēen̄rt̄ h̄mow̄ āabin̄nr̄t̄ ēkn̄w̄

beacaedeaedhabdaadaaenehealahe
 deieeedeneeifcoaekecfpeieentst̄
 dhoihgnonhemnerh̄lr̄pḡis̄gn̄hr̄
 enrr̄np̄ thoorn̄t̄tl̄tȳinv̄ks̄mw̄
 tot̄wrow̄ th̄t̄ tun̄ oū t̄ ō
 wut̄ wl̄ x̄ oū t̄

ēiqtū ēllw' ēht gīlṛ dēnr̄tū
 ēhr ācef ādortw hīm' ā dēirst
 ōr ōtw bghortu hīm ōt ēhr
 dēis' ādn bdeginn ēorv ēhr
 āchir beefor ēhs cdlou cepsstu
 hīs ēiinnnott' for ēhs ddi nōt
 ceaeaaabdlbeaddegcmleahdedddct
 hhdifnbefoiehhefgioshdueieieet
 hiitioceloognrhhhiotle hnrpno
 oirtr tentronsiniimruor rrr
 qrs w wertuwtt or v t sts
 su n su

āēēilr̄z āht̄ ēh ādh nōt ēēns
 ēhr īīorstv ēh deēpr̄ss ān
 ādenrt' ēggiilnnr īkss nōpū
 ēhr īlps'
 āabinrt̄ lloswy āeors' ōs ddi
 ēht gīlṛ āeirs' btū ciklquy'
 aaegeaēilaageeenaadiediakedid
 bealiiilthliheipbekseotcnlen
 hednlipntinoshy grosns soon
 hhe nirs ortwl hus qu up y
 rrr tts sr r r t s s
 trr vz

ādn ēht cēemnorw doost beēentw
 ēhmt' ā ēilltt āēemnstu ādn
 ēmos ācdeefin gggilnr̄stu hitw
 ēht cfinnoosu in hīs ācef'
 "ī beēēilv'" ādeemrst
 āabinrt' "ī ēēs āht̄ ī āēhv
 ahabcaaeiaiceeeamheaedabeaiden
 bhdeedeflenc̄lmeammgeldiceaneh
 siemthefnetinsiershgmenghtve
 tnentlinuiwoossn tioofnt wwt
 tom oi vs t tr usrti
 r n t uts

ādesty ōot glno' ī ī ādh nō
 ādei āht̄ īs' ī m̄stu hīs w ōūy
 dgoo by' "ēh āsw ccghilntu hīs
 āht hitw bhōt ādhns' ādn
 ābblop̄ry ddi nōt cēēēiprv āht̄
 ēhs āsw deēginntx ēhr ādhn ōt
 gaaaaaēbhhdhaagceecaaēdohas
 hdebeblhodiennngmdhirschdhgthit
 ihedwbsttoieonhsnilrtehdnn̄yoo
 pooywdty xol wit pst hiin tu
 sro iy ts ī usu wis
 stt t t o nv

hīm' ēhr cēēenpr̄s fō dīm̄n ādh
 nōt cēēllmōpty ddeēerst ēhr'
 b̄tū ēhs cdlou nōt aēhv dersttu
 ēēfh̄lrs ōt āēkps'

"āghn ēm fī ī āsw hīm gīīnstt
 ēēhrt' aēīntt' ī know it' s

beancheeaeafedeaakeamedidehadd
 hherehencireeenceseshfteinh̄sine
 hhmselfplotiīyndt hivmitrtrtg
 nir gomrtotll siw now sttus
 tot s m pusp k or
 ut t s o

c̄d̄d̄ēēū āadkr̄w̄w f̄or ōuy' b̄tū ī
 ēhop ōuy' l̄l ēfgiorv ēm h̄ist
 cenō h̄ist ērvy f̄irst ābekr'
 h̄w̄y' āhtw' s ēht aēmrtt'?"

"d̄nō' t̄ chotū ēm' d̄nō' t̄ cemo
 aēnr ēm' ēhs dēēnr̄rtū

ddacedeaokcaedeeiaenebr̄caie ī
 hece mhasllefh̄efidoned ebks
 neoe thitushrm̄rfm̄rrtme thmt
 ohpn totw shrorgorstor ou
 wnur w u v ty tuty t
 oy y w v u

āgilnry' "āhtw dō ōuy aēmn by
 ēēginn̄rt ēht ēhosu h̄iottuw
 ḡgiīnnr'?"

"ī ācēm īn h̄itw ōrūy bēhorrt'
 ās ī ēfnot dō' ēh ādēēnr̄sw
 c̄dlloy' īn ēfls acfīīījn̄osttu'

aigcaiegenhdahfdhesaibh̄caedbn
 aildilftinweelhujeuoif̄ieaheoy
 cn̄neimg īn hito ooyr̄nsm̄ernir
 entgl̄nn t sot su tutrott
 ro iroy w y w wout
 s r y

"ēw ācēm īn ēht dēis āwy' ēh
 entw āiprsstū ādn ī ācēm īn
 ēēhr gh̄inop ōt d̄fin ōuy' ēht
 āāēil̄nnopt̄x īs ēil̄mps ēgh̄nōū
 ādn gh̄otu ōt āfissty ōuy āhtt
 ēht ādēēim̄nr̄stuv āsw

aedeaaaaadaenihaediaeac̄aeoigat
 eēelchgeiigosoafim̄dleoen the
 h̄hetm̄im̄hin̄irts̄en̄indsywm̄u the
 tnn onopton ts̄rs̄is̄fy yoy uhh
 wwp upstvn tu tswi u n
 xr ust t p

āabdeīlnouv' btu dō āsy āht̄
 ōuy ēfgiorv em' āāehilnt' " ēh
 ādeeenrtt' ēfginnost'
 " ēfgiorv ōuy! ōuy dno t̄ know
 āhtw ōuy aer āgiklnt abotu'
 ēlt em āps̄s' it ddeenps̄ nopu ā
 eeareadaaaeembaedadeaabeekhahea
 lfarfeoeblesoetlkdngnaiotnon
 uhotgiredsou ftonengnds upot
 wntvmitgivr iutniohslt ut w
 ynt oovp ys ty uipo y
 ou y u t

dgōō ādel ēēhrtw ī ēerv
 ēfgiorv ōuy."
 at āht̄ entx ceeinopr̄t chhiw
 ēhs ādn āābinnrt ādh bēēn
 āgiklnt abotu ēhs āacdehoppr̄
 ēht gnouy amn hitw ā cdeīlōsu
 aaedaadaabaaaecehaaebeaccc̄dus
 fhghdenbemhnrheehadodeehheh
 ghlkine goonttihrpiipneliio
 sooting lrūtt sit tp rorn
 tor yot n wu wn v w
 tt vu y x

āefknnr̄ss fō aemnr̄ eh̄nw ēhs
 āsw h̄im ēēhrt'
 " illw ōuy ēlt em āekps̄ ot̄ ōuy
 ā em̄not̄ or̄ otw' m̄r'
 āābinnrt̄? " ēhs ādeks̄ hitw ān
 āegginn̄ btu bdepr̄rtu ēilms'
 aaaagaegsbeeeaaaneebadenhiaeu
 bnalheinthlfhmeeskpdehismshe
 ergnkimouoortpm̄ntmrewk to ln
 frinlins rstwor sr w t yo
 swm̄m̄nt ut ur
 w t y

ēh deēems ēēelm̄rtxy ah̄nppuy'
 btu eh̄nw ēhs koot h̄is am̄r ādn
 ādek̄lw āaw̄y hitw h̄im' ēegik̄ns
 ā deēir̄rt̄ cēnorr' ā ārȳ fō
 eh̄op degil̄mn hitw ēht āl̄most
 āccil̄mo ēim̄rsy fō h̄is
 aalecaeadac̄driehehaheaaaefand
 bemeediedieernemflhiraemking
 copieelegleetrioh his hl̄most
 horkthm̄mshowtook im̄s sropy
 hutswir̄nw sx wtr t u y p
 w m y y t y

ēēinoprssx' ēhs āsw aaelnpprty

ervy eknoopstu'

" aehpprs i dhlosu not aehv

ghostu hist ēēiinrtw' mr'

aabinrt' btu btu' ho' i aehv

been ervy abceflmnoortu'

beageaeihibkchbedaiaaleareatey
beenhainoionenefornebpharenl
eoenhoprsnssnhmlrvsoh pivh
spprtsssyuuuotut tot m
vrrr tut sou w w
xuy v t t

almost abeeilmrs ceins ahtt

eilltt ceennortu eht ehort

aefnnoort' ehv i ghottu how

ouy ghimt aehv deeeiimnprstt

it' adn bdeeeilv ghinst' ehop

asw aillnpy aggiinn eht

aameaeabceaaaedingeceeheahed
afsolidhiehiebeeishhnegheooe
iittmlginllrgeimishiogrphtpw
llt pnomsouheln tinthsttrt
wou rn on ywntnr tintot
yt st t vv t u

aaccdensy eorv eimrsy in

aabinrt' s dnoru' eegillssu

acef' fo ceorsu' i know it is

ghinnot ot ouy' btu for my now

aeks i do antw ouy ot

addennrstu ahtt mr' ahrvy is

aaaeiaaaccoahaedbigfaeiesiisn
bacendgdndwonenymiskhlrlitsow
fnceriifoo rosr mrttiormy s
nodetnonts tott ou unow n
srkh stn y uru u oy y
ustn yvu r

an aeimntt definr fo glno

adginnst' hwy' ew aehv aalswy

been eikl cinossu eikl behorrt

adn eirsst' i amy asy' eh is

my behorrt' s most aeimntt

aaceiosst adn efnot acefins

aeabciagarahdmiaedhafalaeeaher
andidihercnfrieneiafemaieiss
anenniiketeoismfs likenblgsy
bssnrlme wsu ont nnti cnot
mt ososte y ost sov hrw
sy ttt wy y ot

āht̄ ēh īs dēēilnt̄ ōt ēht̄

āēms ēēgiilprsv ās ēht̄ āfilmȳ

hō' ī know īt īs ābdr̄sū'

ācdēllnū fōr' ōt ēllt̄ ōȳ

h̄ist' d̄dēfgiinnū ēēnv' " ēhs

āsw ālmost ēēginpw' " btū īt

oaaaheddfgeeeieaablebdfaehey
saceileiilegeiidedsheuohiil
thisllknoioiifiolgetlnytumt
thmt pnmss nntpsnsevto t s
uhs rovt rt st t ur
wn u w w t

āēkms ōs chmū cdeēeffinr̄ ōt ēm

āhtw ōuy h̄iknt̄ fō fō ēm' " ēhr̄

ceiov̄ adh gnorw̄ ervȳ lōw̄ adn̄

āadēgitt' ēht̄ ēimrsȳ adh̄ āll̄

āaddeēippr̄s f̄mor̄ āabinr̄t' s̄

ācēf'

aaaaapeadedcekdifbeahadnahdme
daccetearmghfrmifeofnl̄ae aler
fgiepyhd̄ thihwnmserr̄ mci tnl̄
mhies oo trn̄ oovfrȳ new̄ o
vikt̄ su u o rȳ to s̄
wost

" ēhnt̄ ōuȳ dō āellrȳ ācēr̄ āhtw̄

ī h̄iknt̄' īmss̄ āāehilnt̄' āmȳ ī

ācll̄ ōuȳ īmss̄ āāehilnt̄' " ēhtȳ

dēnr̄tū īnōt̄ ā gl̄nō' dīm̄

cdioorr̄ āht̄ āsw̄ dēiln̄ nō

ēēh̄irt̄ dēis̄ h̄itw̄ āllt'

caheedkiiddaaiealgaicademahai
cilhedoonmeosrlanhaldem onhet
eorhinorumhss̄ nashalier̄ ty y
itrlirys̄ tist̄ natll̄lie w
tutnnȳ u ti w̄ th̄tȳ li
tr o wo n

ācēfgl̄rū ālnpst' ēhtȳ ādek̄l̄w̄

l̄lōswȳ ōt̄ ēht̄ ērvȳ dēn̄ fō īt'

ēhnw̄ ēhtȳ dēnr̄tū ōt̄ ācēerr̄t̄

ēh̄irt̄ ēps̄st̄ āabinr̄t' s̄ ācēf̄

āsw̄ āadinr̄t̄ adn̄ ēhrs̄ āsw̄

āh̄im̄n̄prt̄tū'

gaaceadaanlaanadhahendaaced
sheilfheepshbndereieret̄facet
thenmphinptuerent̄tonyswofke
tliur̄tslōtt̄ nts̄ tr̄s̄ w̄rl̄ i
wrowryutȳ t r v̄ ȳ s̄
wrs̄ t

āhrvy āsw agmno ēht ēgsstu āt
 ēht ddegīnw' adn ēh ghōstu ēhr
 ōtu īn ā aerr emmnot ēhnw ēhs
 dōost āelnō'
 "ōruy abdhnsu' ēh adīs'
 giilmns' "ahs enst em eōrv ot
 haeldeaaibaadagdheemaideersaer
 ohioindaonamenmemeeseoeghs he
 smouingdsnano nonhntguhsnt ho
 stovr hlrsers s th swovt tt
 tur w wu g t u
 yt y h

ikss ōuy' "
 ā cikqu bhlsu deffssuu ēhr
 ācef adn dnoru dehilops
 āhōrtt' "ī ēōppssu īt' s
 āalnrtu fōr ā amn ot ēēfl adn
 āct ēēglrnorsuy nō an accinoos
 aaceaakdbiosadmafeai edccarand
 aaqogaleflrshpponfinhedeesion
 fcrsicnurouslysonltotfehl
 khsuren ouun po us os
 nitu to r u us s
 t t y

fō hīst dīkn' ēh ēllst em ēh
 denos' t antw his āāegimrr ot
 einprttu hllowy ahtt āāelpst
 āciimnty chhiw āhs dēēistx
 bēēentw ōuy adn em' ī dno t
 know ahtw ōuy ev been ēgillnt
 beeeeacakahdahdeabaaiiaeeahagt
 dfoihehptinhchhemeeelidgedien
 intsmínytoniolih meensplelsn
 inttnrs wwuounls shlr sme to
 kntwrwt y wt vy t rt tol t
 oo w u y t x tn

hīm' "hītw an ēilnnost ēilms'
 "btu ēh āhs enst em ēēhr ot
 ikss ōuy' "
 ēhs ēflt ēikl ā cēhss āēlpry
 hōw' by ēht cēēlr̄v adghīl̄nn fō
 hīs cēēips' ēēss ēht āēgm
 hbesfbecaeaeaceancheaeaeaeieeof
 hhmtpeeihhikeeesemeehgdlengr
 kho hltths nletsohnnplitl
 sis ioutl s iv rlsstrmmyo
 wis yw s s n t s
 iu y

āgiknt ēht cēorsu ddeēinnt'

ēhr ēesy eerw bghirt ādn

deenrt hītw ā ēilms ās ēhty

ācdēgl̄n pū īnot hīs' ādn ēhr

īlps dekloo gh̄nruy f̄or ēht

īkss chhiw ēhty deiintv'

gaadcedicedcaebgegefaaddeder
 hekiegeoheei etnmhihioandhey
 kennelhsihrrhuorilintendhe
 lipsnrotkp thursinsttent h
 tirs w wut n s iyv r t
 tls y w o y r s

"b̄tū' ōūy know'" ēh ēntw nō

ēilqtuy' "ī d̄dīn' t ēllt hīm

ōs' īt d̄louw aēhv deēems

āēfgl̄nrtūū' b̄tū ī āc̄n ēllt

ōūy' ī' ēv deoppst giik̄nss

ēmnow' īt' s ādegnorsu'"

qbgeaiefelidbaaedhcaeeedgim
 snieilyioukndhdgereeeliehl̄n
 uomrntyot ltdinnetkinml̄nlo
 wouttt vu s oppvi otssnt
 you wu s out sus t
 u w w

ēllw' ēhs ādh āabinrt ādn hīs

īillm̄nō ēfl̄t' ā ēnōprs āc̄n' t

āēhv eeghinrtvy īn hīst d̄lorw' ;

ādn īt āsw ā ēillt̄t

āābeel̄nnorsu f̄o ēhr ōt c̄eeptx

īt'

aadeaeneabfadlaraeeahisaadecds
 heleioohaehainbthersin c̄nnrhi
 iillissnesle of ilrton ewo lt
 m̄nrl twlyth g pnt to xp t
 unv r t i tn
 wt