

The Talking-Out of Tarrington

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"-----!" acdeeilmx eht antu

fo cilosv' " eehr' s emos eno i

know abeginr dnow no su' i

acn t beeemmr his aemn' btu

eh cdehlnu hitw su ceno in

caealbcaedmbechaimedaceeiaeni
hencteeemenehdleisonnme obutt
kfolunnhri gieohns nome iu
oh wvoris wxrrwus o th n
n vs t s us n

notw' aginnorrtrt esy' ahtts

it' eh' s adehr fo eht cciinp

i m ggiinv for eht ceinprss'

adn eh ll cgiln ot em eikl a

beefillt illt i egiv him an

aiinnottv' ehnt eh ll aks fi

aidebalalgcagdenfeeeehiacaiaf
infigetinhefihnghteeilceancs
inmhetionillniohivhllnihesi
iov hevlrrilorottoymr pikkt
ltw ti s t nrt ps msn
t t t t s

eh amy bginr all his eisvw adn

ehmorst adn eirssst hitw him

ahtts eht orstw fo eehst

allms aeginrtw acelps' eno

acn t aceeps fmor abdnoyy"

" i ll fghit a aadegrtru acinot

caahareaaadeaaleaaaabddaciand
healesfbcengnfrlehcnsheheetion
mhnllysigepiogrolofstiioeh m
sitml wshhrwsispmrguwrosns
tm tt trit rst ri ywtvy
o tn t s

for ouy fi ouy eikl ot do a

blot now' deeeelnortuv cilosv

" ouy ev a acelr ent adrsy

arstt fi ouy dno t elos eimt"

eht antu fo cilosv ddeenoprs

aeglmy ot eht egginosstu' adn

baaeaneafafchcaolgeeleaecladd
fherloitiofledonieeredodniaes
golttuntouyelrnigeroipdooei
somuyvow tvolsutknstorns mn
tto yu youuvtv ts ot v
yr t ys

cdehnru aawy eikl a eiln

aeemrst' hitw a glno bnorw

eilppr fo eeegiknps aeilnps

agiilnrt in ehr aekw

"deenprt ouy dno t know him"

asw ehr aginprt acdeiv' degint

caaaheddaaaehdagaaaecbaehelged
rheelengfiithegkedegnelniim
sipilenopwntiineokinirotin
tprpmer woukln lsnksow wn
wrsrner ypy no wtv p
tu ti r r

hitw eht ceeklrss acegoru fo

eht nno aabcmnott

eht entx emmnot eht eeorrstuv

fo an aabffly ddeiopss

aeeglmnt eerw begin cdeeeirv

by cilosv hitw a eilnst nopu

beealeaacabbaeaaehcgedaceioed
gfeclehefmecehdbsieileegeupen
ohnhnomfnomekleispnoorerurf
tthttonisroirntnt osurnt vo
ti nvt wltt st s v
wy x wmy

a aekp in adeinr' aerst chhiw

ddeenot an abceens fo all

eioprsuv aacceinnqtu hitw eht

bcejot cdeiinrstuz

"i ceeptx ouy dno t know em

hitw my acehmostu' adis eht

abeeaedcaacabachcancaaadlheche
dejeckeicndaiadnedsoeneithheh
oineimusmouorieneettfrilwmit
piphtoyasnruqtnenn k ow t
wrtoxp t ysusiot s w
v t tu iz

enw cemor; "i ev lnoy gnorw it

dginru eht alst otw hmnost"

"no eht acnorrtu' adis

cilosv' eht acehmostu is eht

lnoy ghint abotu ouy ahtt

deeems aafiilmr ot em i eflt

ceeicdeeaehaaaesoacaedahfehet
delmeghfcgiebarttonleigosnli
nlvnhmihmnlmtruttomhohiswt t
onoyno tno lioty wosmtrt
sor ts rt trsu y uy t
uw t v

aceinrt ahtt i adh emt it

eehmorsw beefor

" my aemn is aginnorrtt "

deemrsu eht aacddeint for

cegiinnoort

" a ervy eflsuu dikn fo aemn "

caceaadeehaecandadameffiame
remoeerihbfffareiddten nr
rertghittiettirhingt tot ot
sesumim toe ul kin o
myvnnn usn o r
o wry s

adis cilosv ; " hitw a aemn fo

ahtt orst no eno dlouw abelm

ouy fi ouy ddi ghinnot in

aacilprrtu cehior or

aabeeklmrr' dlouw ehty adn

ety fi ouy eerw ot aeirs a

paaaicabaendedechehhaadabaade
raidicllllisheonidohegseeamf
semtifoor oiooiotoili ilno
tertrfurou wwrultwtrnn mn
yht k ytu rwnt r y
you s yv u

ooprt fo ghilt ehors in a

emmnnot fo aailnnot ceegmry

' aginnorrtt s ghilt ehors

dlouw dnosu eigtu aaeioppprtr

adn elpsu cegiiknnqu aeehrsw

fi ouy eerw acdell inoopps

afaedilfeldacaieadaehengaiiae
indlntngeneghckhehnemiohencts
momoouoofoiuillieisgpoopeney
toorpusotrnrn qtlgltporper
wruyp su n suonnr s rrsi
t r w q t to w r

for aceinnst' eht ghint dlouw

be otu fo eht einogstu no

eno' eenv in a emmnnot fo

aailnnot ceegmry' cdlou

bilopssy beglno ot inoopps s

ehors

baeiebaeabceeahcmehcngfdnuld
feroiellfeeeeoggmeotiinolios
hnrnsinsonnihrnqnestnooopno
nossontv ml tuoy spou w
oot ut y tn t t
po

eht enw cemor deilms aeklwy'

as eno how is not ot be ptu

ffo by eemr acfilnppy' adn

abegn aagin hitw aeinpptt

:
ceeeinprsst

" i hiknt ouy ghotu ot beeemmrr

aeabeaeaceefiighaacibeakdamber
befohengcieirlnhiledoeeamet
ofgsiitkeomusosmppnoywnenly
phrtnswmhon w totttt rtpu
ti ny wnro up t
s n y

my aemn

" i ahlls' " adis cilosv' hitw

an air fo eeimmns ceiinrsty'

" my antu asw agikns em lnoy

hist gimnor ot eggsstu aemns

for foru gnouy losw ehs' s jstu

ahiaaaelfiagaadkclggeceioajest
firnamlonwimmenoelgiieernimhs
mmysfmnr ynsngosinovmht nltu
tn shoor os is sus ns sty
o irut u t w s ss w y
y u

adh enst ehr as epst' i ahlls

acll ehmt all aginnorrstt' ehnt

fi eno or otw fo ehmt dei or

fly aawy' or aeelv su in any

fo eht aswy ahtt ept losw aer

enopr ot' eehrt illw be aalswy

cadlaeaeahaheaaapeeegbdiaaaaen
falneehomyellhearehlmoelehahes
hfoohenor orolefviinstinslnll
ifytnttt srtrotwpls ins ory
ol sw w tw s rtt o tr
pr y t t t u w wy

eno or otw eflt ot acrry no

oruy aemn' adn my antu now t

elt em efgort it' ehs illw

aalswy be agikns' aehv eht

aginnorrstt adh ehirt ceim'?

adn einogsstu fo ahtt orst'

aadaieabeiaaeadfthaaaemicent
aermnefengehdigtoeaerrihe
llrrongmoolkfnmythcntsoll
ont qr sorsnnot hhr wton
tnu ys tt ss t sit wro
yow u tw t uv y t

ehs assy fi ouy eekp dilw

aceerrstu in aciipptvy ouy

ghotu ot ees aefrt ehirt

anstw' adn fo ceorsu ehs s

eiqtu ghirt eehrt

" i emt ouy at cehlennou at oruy

caeaearagdeafaoeceehehadyour
ohetrenhfetccpeeheonieou
qigmsutioiintherkisitsilt
srits yosstoyoftrvp w r
wuntt s u lutr t y y
u t y u u

' antu s ehosu ceno " bekor in

mr' aginnorrtt' aelp btu illst

eelorstu

" my antu eenrv cehlinsu' " adis

; " cilosv ehs beglnos ot eht

aailnnot aint cehlennou aeeglu'

aaniaaaeiaeebeceaceboleaaaidl
ceooinnhongeinllncgeobrokeeie
mlstlsrl nhtoonlonhh nutthgil
nmtvostr snt r upnls s stun
rry tu t usv u t s
u u

chhiw is dgino eiqtu a lot fo

dgoo korw in a eiqtu'

beinorstuuv awy' a

bciinoprsstu fo afhl a cnorw

epr aeqrrtu eeilnstt ouy ot go

hiottuw einnty otw cehlennosu

gebbcrapideeeafihaeuuacceonnfo
phichrirkeiinattqtaef aohooog
siodouirninntgyquill n lrtws
unohquotionwn tuits y u t
worstwtstvo o wl t
wut u r y o

" hist mstu be eghimnost enw' "

acdeeilmx aginnorrtt

" it s eht aems antu ahtt i' ev

aalswy adh' " adis cilosv

cdlloy

" i ceeflprty ellw beeemmrr

aicaaifeadlaeeaaedeceieabeewve
cihdermectsamreignohmhgsni
ellilsmhdttrbrsilltrlonit r
otlsythe y wsnm tntvm
twps us ou t
x y

eegimnt ouy at a cehlnnou

aprtv eginv by oruy antu'

deeiprsst aginnorrtt' how asw

beggiinnn ot fhlsu an

aehhlntuy adehs fo delmott

iknp

baeealgedenaadeagfoaaehedwas
megiinghoshafinohrmctnl
pehkiniiv tobrluolunnutoo
pensnstny t rt yst no wt
pirty t y u y u
unrt

"-----?"
ahtw asw eehrt for chlnu

adeks cilosv

"ho' ellw' i dno t' beemmr

ahtt

"-----
how cein fo ouy ot beemmr

my antu ehvw ouy acn no eglnor

ahaadncaehedefenfcaneecbbeger
mhhatneclvih rou oorlmehenr
toheuwilo oi you tr rnnmlor
skt tls tn yo t uo m
wow w w s
y

acellr eht aemns fo eht ghinst

ouy aet' now my emmory korsw

eiqtu deeffilnrty' i acn

beemmr a emnu glno aefrt

i ev efgnoortt eht ehossst

ahtt aaccdeimnop it' ehvw i

ieaaaaccfaeaaiedhefgoaaehings
qeceebdigeomemellemhrceenris
rhielferhfpnemtminithfnork
romtmleromtrenutyoto shtss
tuut tot n tny o wtw
y v o w n y

asw eensv aersy dlo i

cceellort begin eginv a acehp

at a adegvr aprty by emos

cdehssu or ehort' i acn t

beemmr a ghint abotu ehr'

cceptx ahtt i aegiimn oru

aacaebacdabeaaegaabecaaheach
deceleeehanehhgmgbnesnmer
eecemgernetoiirioidoitoup
rtmhplsroritytinntyliyn o r
rusossvtt prr i u t
wx t t s v

aaacceinnqtu mstu aehv been fo

eht eghilsstt' as ehs acdell

em a 'cein eilltt boy' btu i

aehv adfginnu eeimmors fo ahtt

acehp it asw eno fo ehost

abeenrtux aceehps ahtt eemt

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ecebeligaeeegmmee hfeshbeenhit
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meuesunihtpls tls rhvt oflt
phvu nnt wnt uns siy olut
tx tt s st to s

ouy aafhlwy' os ot aekps' adn

aer all eorv ouy in a emmnot

it asw a abefiltuu deilnopsu

cdoprtu fo a ehhoostu' adn ety

it aadegmn eiqtu ccefillssuuy

ot egiv efilst eht airs fo a

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yt uv v y s p y

cemoopt' ouy adh ot beit it

adn bbeiiim it at eht aems

eimt' ot em eehrt ahs aalswy

been eghimnost acghimnr adn

cimsty in eht ghottu fo ahtt

acdeeilt eeltvv beglo fo

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beeiceiemeingadglhbenafeihs
cilmointhithehhtheisgfwnt
dnmpostm volthtrotos ol ty
momt tto ytuv tt uomt om
tys r t

firtu' lloswy egiinnpr adn

agimnrw ot ceefinoprt ghhortu

eht glno emmrsu adsy adn

deefmpru ghinst' adn ehnt

cgimno ddelnsuy aahrtyw my

efil in eht eemprsu emmnot fo

caeeigedlddeefeaaedaahamdugf
feffliggthehlpicahimgmdno oh
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piritnsuoumnr emnsrteny
tormuo owpsus ptnw tthr
wru s y y ty

ist ceeeinstx' i acn eenrv

efgort it' eenv fi i dehisw

ot' adn ehnw i adh ddeeoruv

all ahtt asw bdeeil fo it'

eehrt illst adeeimnr eht

enost' chhiw a deeehlss'

ahegahaiheaceadaacadeefeeed
flnendsihceremhbdddhenihed
iooretittiehvenheeeiosisrr
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vouy térsws ww n ss p r
yuu s t é ww s

adn fmor eht awy eh deggilrw

adn acdeemrs eh deeilntvy

bdeeeilv it' ghhotu eehrw eht

illsy dik adegiimn i cdlou

ceoprpu a eilv cinoopr's at a

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aidifreeamhevgeoeghiihileltd
bnllsrkidtii hhsehipwnnrgt h
pnl uvom lm tiyuor wooul
sro y r t w v r t y

adegrn aprty i dno t know'

aeehlorrtt' ahtt acehp is for

em an adfginnu adn ahppy

emmory

eht addeeft aginnorrtt adh by

aaedefeaaddngaandeaahnihadoby
gemdeethareithadoingcknos f r
merognunerty i rrrn htopyw
mhtony pft t t p t p
tl r

hist eimt adeeertrt otu fo

aer host' cfigimnoort ephilms

as best eh ghimt hitw eht

ceefilnort ahtt a cciinp chhiw

cddeilnu eht ceenprs fo

aacbecedecehaeaaedcchiceehfch
eeflediinhneifheseigenifofli
ihilshomotrmngortinihuohsw
rnrsustt otprtwtnto tm
ts tt t rt p t

cilosv ghimt eoprva

bdfllotuuy aabeeegl

ceeeeinprx

" i ahlls aceilnrty go in for a

aaaeilmnrty aceerr' adis

caobhaeaccaagacaabeao inafdr a
dipeiallieertpeelee s io
elrlifmllghryrinre g
pousriumnt t rovy r
x vts n y

cilosv ot ephilms as eh denrtu

acellmnopty ot eijnor his

antu " as a aeklrt otu fo

ceeinnnotv bills i dhlosu be

aabeillnuv

alcaiaaaieaimaekeeaiihfldnbd
cnmolsblehttblfrjounhoisr ee
cnplueently slls o s otu
iootnv no n to r s t u
iuvv ts