

NICODEMUS (period times 15-18 lines deep)

Three steps are used:

1. Column transposition.
2. Vigenère encipherment with the same key.
3. Take off 5 letters at a time from each column in order.

Since last block maybe less than 5 deep, all remaining letters from each column are taken off in column order.

pt: the early bird gets the worm

Key: CAT

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| C A T | A C T | A C T |
| <u>2 1 3</u> | <u>1 2 3</u> | <u>1 2 3</u> |
| t h e | h t e | H V X |
| e a r | a e r | A G K |
| l y b | y l b | Y N U |
| i r d | r i d | R K W |
| <u>g e t</u> | <u>e g t</u> | <u>E I M</u> |
| s t h | t s h | T U A |
| e w o | w e o | W G H |
| r m | m r | M T |

CT: HAYRE VGNKI XKUWM TWMUG TAH.