

Sherlocks Secret Message

My Dear Watson

Meet me at midnight under the
bridge on Baker Street and be
ready to catch the murderer

The solution really was
elementary my dear Watson

Your friend
Holmes

The decoded message is shown above.

This is an example of a “substitution cipher” where each letter is replaced by another one.

The best way to solve this type of puzzle is try to match known words to try and find out what each letter translates to.

In this case using words such a “Watson”, “Sherlock”, “Holmes” or “Doctor” would be a good place to start. Common English words such as “the”, “at”, “on”, “to” are also good to try.

This type of code is easily breakable by modern computers.