



Across

- 9 Close to absurdness while having bitter exterior? (9)
- 10 Twang guitar string with tender hand (5)
- 11 Potential to insure a result in this game! (7,8)
- 12 Coat in spice, mostly (3)
- 13 Earthquake-prone city breaking up in descent, rebuilt underground (11)
- 15 Noisy duet, end rendered discordant (7)
- 16 Stages broadcast from Siberian locations (7)
- 17 DJ is follower of Jesus' example? (11)
- 19 Bow as current royal is received (3)
- 21 Fine leg's aggressive movement is indicator to expect quicker delivery? (5,5,5)
- 24 Legislate for staff retiring ahead of time (5)
- 25 No enthusiasm to acquire aluminium - price too high (9)
- 3 Homer's epic missing central figure in write-up by artist (4)
- 4 Stage Shakespeare without opening that's customary (8)
- 5 A line sung in harmony (6)
- 6 A sense of redundancy in youth? (10)
- 7 Bond returns, in flat cap! (4)
- 8 Leaving setter feeling superfluous and ignorant? (8)
- 13 Cute tots in ridiculous make up (10)
- 14 Fierce wild mammal missing a chain (10)
- 15 Cheap sale of alcohol lacks responsibility? (4-4)
- 16 OAP seems like one could be 17? (8)
- 18 Hairless, tailless, headless amphibian is unreal creature! (6)
- 20 Ginger fuzz (6)
- 22 Kiwi loses tail going North to migrate (4)
- 23 Woman originally is head over heels for Spanish club legend? (4)

Down

- 1 Burnt powder linked to cannon's retreat (6)
- 2 Written statements followed by censored alternative from lawyer (10)