



Christmas Double Toughie: Disappearing Acts by Elgar

The silver lights are to be filled, jigsaw-fashion, by members of a thematic group clued by anagrams. Each anagram is one letter short; the omitted letters, spelt in the order in which the clues are presented, spell another member of the group. The letters in the yellow cells may be rearranged to spell a further group member who disappeared later than the others, those in the aqua cells a related work.

Anagrams

- Urn? I'm a vat!
- Racy Berry!
- Athlete Heinz threads my job sequence
- We ran in tandem
- Cabbagemongers
- Adverb limit
- Dowdier id
- Lanes, arguably
- A toy rail
- Poet's glitter
- Loco, I
- New UN job
- BLT in R.U. lull
- Where's Nan?
- Rib bird's banner
- All-time yarn
- Of Malta
- A single

Across

- 19 Duo delivered to the front unhinged long lead strongbox (6,5)
- 21 Repulsive fish bones (3)
- 27 Here's milk and honey, about to go on bread (6)
- 36 Together 1ac and 9dn will stop this decline (3)
- 38 My love is drained of heart and spirit (6)

47 Guy's sound advice when searching home for antique? (7)

56 Imitation silver coating cask (5)

Down

- 1 Touring thespians packing something on which to heat up soup (6)
- 2 Poet perhaps gathering nuts now could audibly show grief (3-4)
- 3 House results: poor condition, on the rocks (7)
- 4 Charge for butter? (4)
- 6 Section is to set up without Riley? (2,6)
- 7 Boss is overwhelmed by good, spicy soup (5)
- 8 Fed on bananas, that's all (3,2)
- 9 Bishops active in prime locations broadcasting services (3,2)
- 10 Fancy her, wearing Eau de Cologne? (5)
- 11 Lack of strength and parts for constructing large land mass? (8)
- 13 Official checking up on Ecstasy – here? (4)
- 14 Be on the cards just below British name and number (3,4)
- 15 State where Roman hunters placed their trust? (7)
- 24 Bearing right after ... (3)
- 26 ... wicked spins in the car (3)
- 29 Constantly design earlier visits, as dictated by law (10)
- 31 East London's Humanity Bar has noon opening, which divides us (6)

33 What Geordie took away from the 1980s? (3-3)

34 Protesters perennially getting agitated near tomb (4-1-3)

35 Earless being proof of the real deal? (4,4)

37 Vegetable starters of bhaji and raita put away, I must go (7)

38 Appearing from below, screen pop-up closes a file (4,3)

40 Tip GP offered one for insertion in orifice? (7)

41 Movie chief directed *Trading Places* initially (4,3)

43 Some music hubs in Paris? Let's stay! (7)

44 A little overhead protection around ... here? (7)

45 Describing something from the butchers' outing? (6)

46 Eliminate resorts banning queer men and other males (2,4)

50 Dog given bone, not a restraint (4)

51 Writer of Chronicles, any number taking a turn through the years (4)