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Poets and poetry puzzle

In keeping with Charleston Scene's poetry edition this week, I decided to create a crossword puzzle based on famous poets and their work. I learned a few things with this one and I hope y'all do to. Have fun and keep using your noodle!

Clues

Across

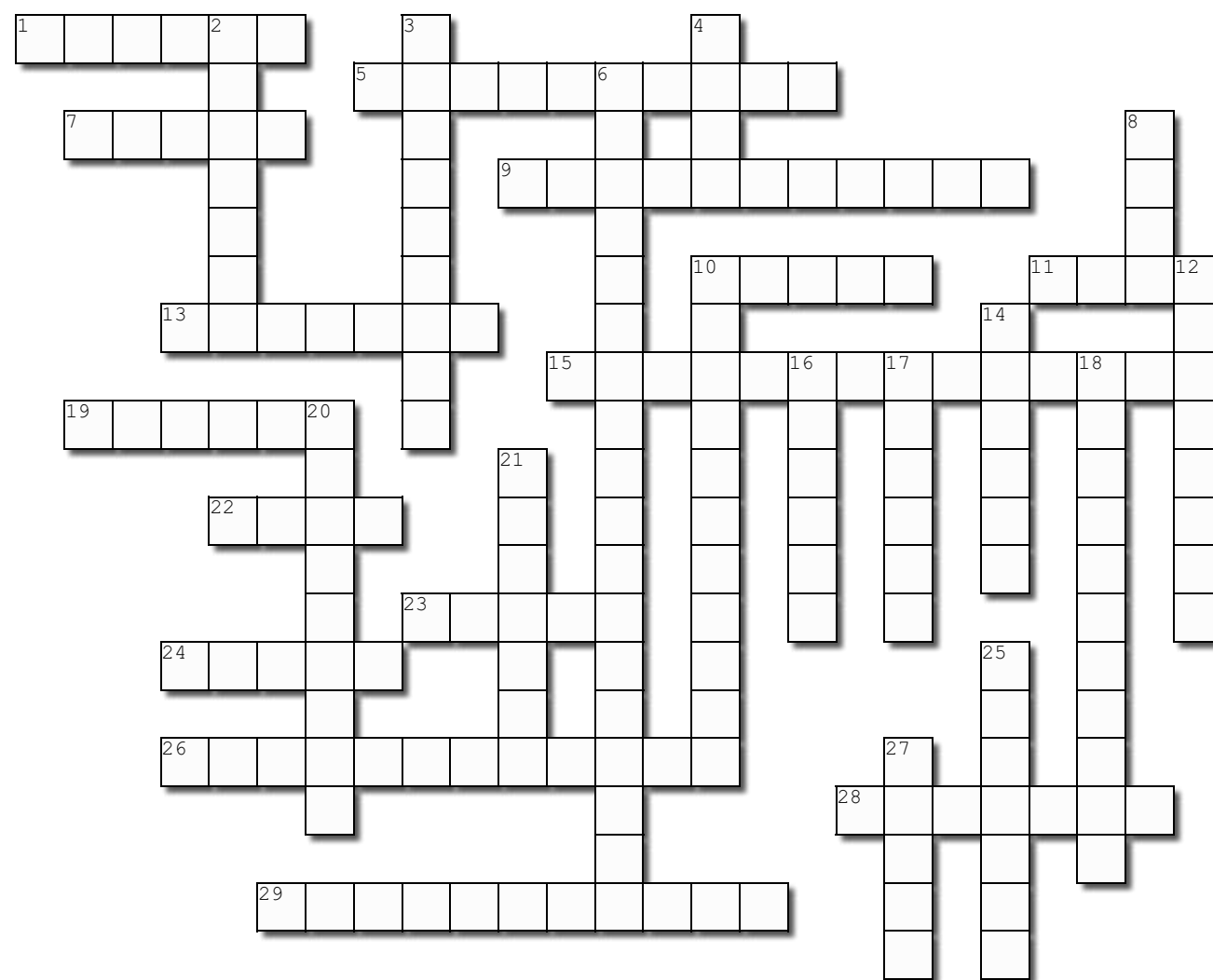
1. In Homer's "Odyssey," Odysseus, the king of _____, wanders for 10 years trying to get home after the Trojan War has ended.
 5. Two roads diverged in a _____, in Robert Frost's "The Road Not Taken."
 7. Homer's _____ describes the final year of the Trojan War.
 9. Author of "Do not go gentle into that good night ... Rage, rage against the dying of the light."
 10. Ralph _____ Emerson entered Harvard College at the age of 14 and is credited with catalyzing the Transcendentalist movement in New England in 1836.



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Who is this famous poet? Check out the clue in No. 6 Down.

13. Of what does the caged bird sing? See 29 Across.
 15. The first volume of her work was published in 1890, four years after her death.
 19. In the early 19th century, Percy _____ Shelley, wrote about some of the English Romanticism's major themes: brooding and restlessness, rebellion against authority, the untamed spirit and the pursuit of love. Apparently, he was also a highly dedicated vegetarian.
 22. The notorious and flamboyant English Romantic poet _____ Byron's real name was George Gordon Byron.
 23. John _____ is the author of "Death, be not proud, though some have called thee mighty and dreadful."
 24. T.S. _____ was a distinguished poet, playwright, literary critic, editor and publisher, and he won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1948.
 26. Shelley's second wife was Mary Shelley, author of "_____." See 19 Across.
 28. Elizabeth _____ Browning, author of "Sonnets from the Portuguese" and the



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narrative epic poem, "Aurora Leigh," secretly married fellow poet, Robert Browning on September 12, 1846, against the wishes of her father.

29. This contemporary poet, activist and storyteller knows why the caged bird sings.

Down

2. A knight, friar, squire and wife of Bath are all characters in "The Canterbury Tales" by Geoffrey _____.
 3. What did Poe's raven quoth? See 16 Down.
 4. Born in London on October 31, 1795, _____ Keats published 54 poems before he died at age 25.
 6. I often refer to this poet as Billy the Bard.
 8. _____ Silverstein's most well-known books of children's poetry and illustrations are "Where the Sidewalk Ends" and "A Light in the Attic."
 10. Who wrote the poem, "Oh Captain! My Captain!" which was recited in a famous scene from the film, "Dead Poets Society"?
 12. In the 1920s, _____ Hughes was a central figure in the Harlem Renaissance, which was a time of growth of black intellectual, literary and artistic life.
 14. John _____ published "Paradise Lost"

in 1667, an epic poem about Adam and Eve and their fall from grace in the Garden of Eden, an expansion on the story in Genesis, as well as Satan's origin story.

16. Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven" begins "Once upon a midnight _____, while I pondered, weak and weary."

17. Dante Alighieri is best known for his epic poem, "The Divine _____."

18. This poet became one of the best-known female American poets of the 20th century, but only after her suicide in 1963 at the age of 30.

20. Born in Idaho, raised near Philadelphia and lived most of his adult life overseas, this poet is considered responsible for the 20th century revolution in and supporter of modernistic poetry. He also created a bit of a controversy when he pled support for Italy's Fascist government.

21. Shakespeare's more famous poems are called _____, meaning they contain 14 lines and a formal rhyme scheme, the English variation typically having 10 syllables per line, known as iambic pentameter.

25. Henry David _____ is most widely known for "Walden," not a poem, and was also an important part of the philosophical

movement known as New England Transcendentalism in the mid-1800s.

27. In "The World Is Too Much With Us," William Wordsworth, the poet laureate to Queen Victoria, wrote that he would "rather be a _____ suckled in a creed outworn," so that he could "have glimpses that would make (him) less forlorn."

Answers

- Across
 1. Ithaca
 5. Yellow Wood
 7. Iliad
 9. Dylan Thomas
 10. Waldo
 11. Hell
 13. Freedom
 15. Emily Dickinson
 19. Bysshe
 22. Lord
 23. Donne
 24. Eliot
 26. Frankenstein
 28. Barrett
 29. Maya Angelou
- Down
 2. Chaucer
 3. Nevermore
 4. John
 6. William Shakespeare
 8. Shel
 10. Walt Whitman
 12. Langston
 14. Milton
 16. Drearly
 17. Comedy
 18. Sylvia Plath
 20. Ezra Pound
 21. Sonnets
 25. Thoreau
 27. Pagan