

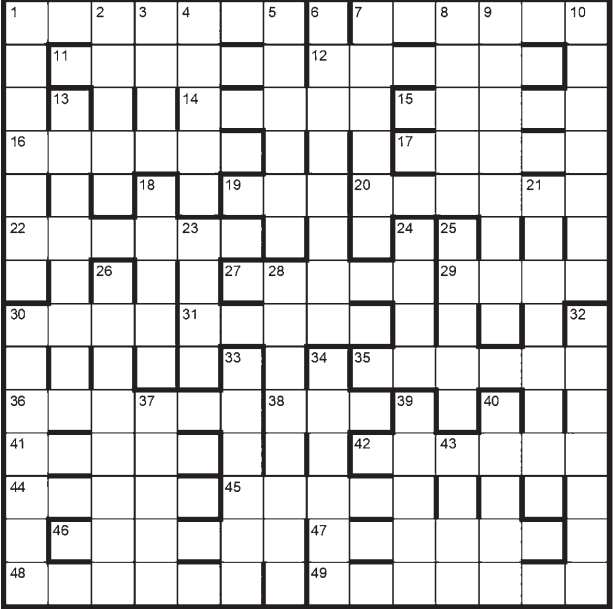
Poem VII

by Pabulum

Unclued lights are nine words taken from a poem whose first three words (as quoted in *ODQ*) will appear in the completed grid. The poet's surname is a clued light and must be shaded. Surplus words in six clues are more words from the poem.

Across

- 7 Monkey making glaring mistake (6)
- 11 Young hawks when in round holes (6)
- 12 Virgil's epic time with aged Enid romping (6)
- 14 Piece of tongue Tybalt cooked bastard refused (5)
- 15 Chiel relaxed about university (5)
- 16 House spademan rebuilt MP neglected (6)
- 17 Down payment for place in Provence (5)
- 20 Playful grandchild is disrupting Thursday (6)
- 22 Peasant offers Mark short march round Uzbekistan (6)
- 27 German's into dreadful mournful music (5)
- 29 Rat perhaps met knight in small house (4)
- 30 Some giggle evincing joy (4)
- 31 Dadaist back cycling (5)
- 36 Paddles together with American in storm at Cannes (6)
- 41 Birds start to roost in teeming cities (5)
- 42 Soldiers share nightmare (6)
- 44 Empty chair that is attracting granny (5)
- 45 Prodrug transformed old dad (5, hyphenated)
- 46 Stew involving cloudy liquid myrrh (6)
- 47 Face of killjoy crossing Egypt (6)
- 48 Ancient partisan needs help playing viol at first (6)



49 Asbestos? Body repelled it with energy (7)

Down

- 1 Old dandy jams madly with Yes (7)
- 2 Many bats sat close to British bird (5)
- 3 Mug containing weak hock (4)
- 4 Whisky producer lives on plonk (5)
- 5 Sorry graduates rue leaving Swiss town (6)
- 6 War god protects vile toad killers (8)
- 9 Fingerhole I located in fanciful place (8)
- 10 Band attempt drum-stroke (7, hyphenated)
- 13 Drink and drink clutching toothpick? (8)
- 21 Colourless stone plus rock in bunker (8, two words)
- 23 Article two people list (4)
- 24 Sound of Persian women snubbed and upset (4)
- 25 Outstanding cook I engaged (5)
- 26 Make a fuss after soldiers indulge in sport? (8)
- 28 Former occupant of barrel? (8)

- 32 Maroon tie also slacks (7)
- 34 Swelling amigo (drunk) imbibes lake (6)
- 37 Possibly Karenin's wife left entry in chronicle (5)
- 39 Goddess has time for love (5)
- 40 Times politico wears shocking tie (5)
- 43 Pairs of nitwits Manitoba deported (4)

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