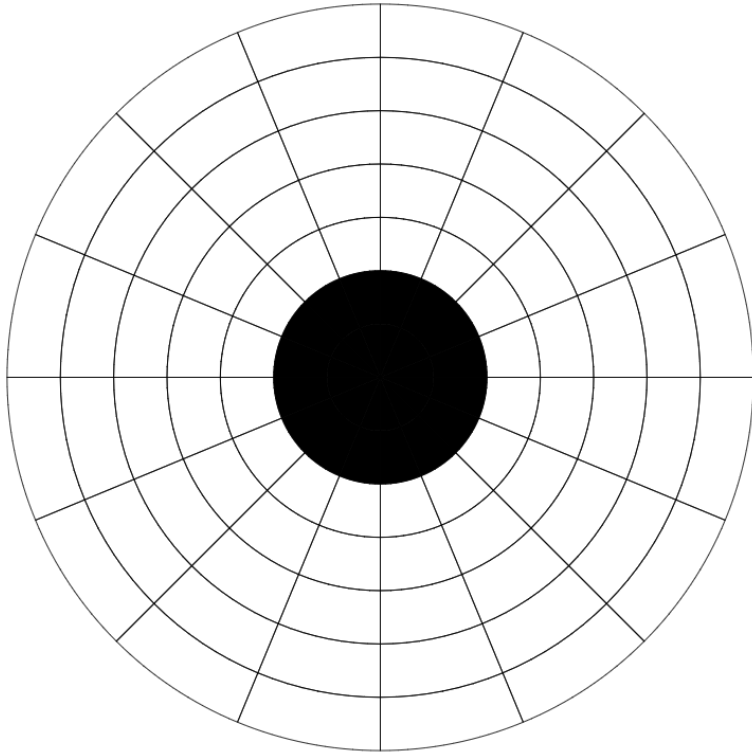


Today's As Good A Winter Day As Any

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Clues are given in order.

Around entries are entered into the grid ring by ring, according to the first two words of a certain song.

Radial entries are entered according to the next two words.

Twenty-one clues have an extra word that needs to be removed before the clue can be solved.

The first letters of the extra words, followed by the last letters of the extra words, should be read in a similar thematic manner.

These letters will spell out the second and third lines of the song and one word of the fourth line.

The remainder of the first verse is given by the unclued central ring and explains what kind of nonsense we're engaging in.

The other verses of the song and the work it appears in are left to the solver to enjoy separately, if they so choose.

Around:

Outer:

- Greenish-blue yeast originally found in tin
- Computation uses threads, runs hot, wastes time
- First opera aria somewhat amazing
- They say match set fire to a city

Outer-middle:

- Hold Buzz's companion back
- Island lake event running like clockwork
- A clear atomizer without any water
- Name game participants got last two pieces mixed up

Inner-middle:

- Fix New Delhi trouble
- Contents of nice canvas pouches
- Was bishop previously retired?
- Like a short royal jester

Inner:

- Crazy old Meg's the best
- Papa, I implore and thank you for bread
- I'm kinda sad to accept five minus four is not many (2 wds.)
- Shows nutjob loudly abandoning reality

Radial:

- Charlie, Ted, and Liam made incorrect allegation
- Love is formed when nonbinary person gets boy to be sweetheart
- By a big hill
- Loans out lounge
- The first record's about the core of EU-Britain fracture
- Seemingly aimless wanderer, regularly called cuckoo, has at last totally snapped
- Hellenic religion, primarily within Ionia, commonly celebrates Athena
- Swear off anything sports
- Dressing up in current situation in simple trappings
- Emoji, a feature of FaceTime?
- A collection of spices found at the forefront of an island in the Caribbean
- Finally, Scandinavia to take up arms in revolution; Thor is among them
- Note: Put in a wager for a hat
- In an emergency, heading north is foolish
- On the subject of Croatia's inauguration, journalists omit summary
- Come back in coat, maybe a sweater, but not yet