

Across

- 7 The proverb says that when problems arise, this mate is 16/5 (1,6,2,4)
- 8 Solitary cantos I'm changing (8)
- **9** Lean style? (4)
- 10 State of being a top performer, unusually smart do! (7)
- 12 Sad liberty involves such a spontaneous remark (2-3)
- **14** See 22 (5)
- **16** See 7 (1,6)
- **19** See 22 (4)
- 20 Unusually tidy name for explosive (8)
- 22 The proverb says that timely repair 14/19 (13)

Down

- 1 Crowning glory set in permafrost (4)
- 2 Princess turns up embraced by troubled amir taking place above ground (6)
- **3** Gusto when solemn service cut short (7)
- 4 Pave with stones and bituminous resin (5)
- 5 See 7 (6)
- 6 ILO agent might become member of this (8)
- 11 Most weepy about treaties (8)
- 13 Porker circling marshy ground given finally for tiny sum of old money (7)
- 15 Female advisor, strangely, I agree (6)
- 17 Resident involved in team (6)
- 18 Adapt, lacking recipe and develop (5)
- 21 Spiritless, confused mate (4)