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Across

- 7 The proverb says that when problems arise, this mate is 16/5 (13, four words)
- 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 (7, two words)
- 19 See 22 (4)
- **20** Unusually tidy name for explosive (8)
- **22** The proverb says that this timely repair 14/19 (13, four words)

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)