Solution to Previous Issue's Puzzle-Begin Again

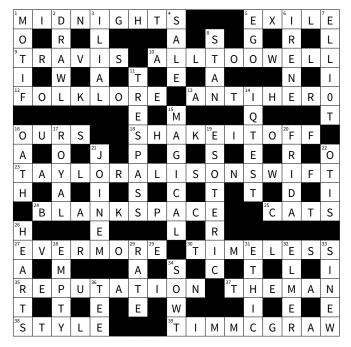
All the across answers pertain to 23A. Most are either her song titles or album titles (or both). One is the title of a movie she appeared in, and another is the first name of her current boyfriend.

Across clues

- 1. MIDNIGHTS—Anagram of "mind" and ""sight"
- 5. EXILE—Outside of "Extravagant infantile"
- TRAVIS—Inside of "Spectravision's"
- 10. ALL TOO WELL—Anagram of "Al, we'll loot"
- 12. FOLKLORE-Mispronunciation of "oak floor"
- 13. ANTIHERO—Anagram of "another I"
- 16. OURS—Homophone of HOURS ("A long time")
- 18. SHAKE IT OFF—Anagram of "hits of fake"
- 23. TAYLOR ALISON SWIFT
- 24. BLANK SPACE—B(L)ANK S ("banks assuming low") + PACE ("rate")
- 25. CATS—Anagram of "acts"
- 27. EVERMORE—Inside "clever mores"
- 30. TIMELESS—Homophonic pun on THYMELESS ("Parsley, sage, rosemary . . . " is missing "thyme" from the Simon and Garfunkel song title)
- 35. REPUTATION—REFUTATION ("defense") with P ("pass") substituted for F ("fail")
- 37. THE MAN—Anagram of "anthem"
- 38. STYLE—Homophone of STILE ("steps")
- 39. TIM MCGRAW—TI (first letters of "taking in") + MMC ("twenty-one hundred") + G ("another thousand") + RAW ("Exposed") with reference to Tim McGraw's longstanding marriage to Faith Hill

Down clues

- 1. MOTIF—Anagram of "If Tom"
- 2. DRAWL—DRAW ("elicit") + L ("a bit of lugubriousness")
- 3. ILIAL—Letter bank clue. ILIAL reuses two of the letters in "Ali" ("Ali is all you need")
- 4. SALE—Homophone of SAIL ("go easy")
- EGO—Pun on GO ("ancient game"), which becomes EGO if "played on line"
- 6. IRENE—IRE ("Anger") + NE ("born")
- 7. ELLIOTT—ELIOT ("The Waste Land's author") around L ("Pound"). Elliott the Moose is (apparently) a well-known character--in Canada
- 8. STAN—Double definition ("Big fan" and "many Arab countries' eastern part" = -STAN)
- 11. TRESPASS—TRES ("Very French") + PASS ("attempt")
- 14. IQ TEST—I ("One") + semi-homophone of CUTEST ("supremely ingenious")
- 15. MAGICAL—MAGI ("Three wise guys") + CAL ("California")
- 16. OATH—(L)OATH ("Unwilling to start late")
- 17. ROYAL—Homophone of ROIL ("upset")
- 19. ESOTERIC—Anagram of "coteries"



- FRIDA—FRIDA(Y) with reference to Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera's wife
- 21. JOIN 'EM—Scramble "Emoji" around N ("new")
- OTIS—First letters in "Of Thee I Sing" with reference to Elisha Otis, founder of Otis Elevator Company
- 26. HEARTS—Anagram of "Earth's"
- 28. EMPTY—Homophone of MT ("two letters")
- 29. RATE—Anagram of "Tear"
- 31. ETHIC—Reversal of CITE ("quote") around H ("high")
- 32. ELMER—Outside of "remarkable" and reversed, with reference to Elmer Fudd, Bugs Bunny's enemy
- 33. SINEW—Anagram of "wines"
- 34. SOFT—Letter bank. SOFT has all the letters needed to make "toss offs"
- 36. TEE—Homophone of TEA ("Afternoon gathering")

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