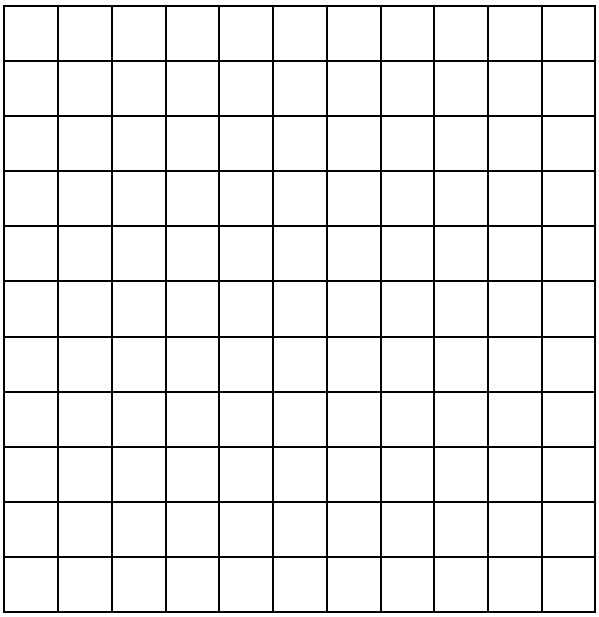
Puzzle #149 — October 2013 "Lullaby"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to nine letters, and four are capitalized) then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right continue on the next row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Three across words and three down words won't fit in the grid unless they are compacted; solvers must determine how. In addition, seven across words and seven down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. In each case the seven letters, taken in order, spell a word related to the title of the puzzle. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. Shaking rattles to surprise
2. Most of foe hiding in shelter building
3. Bird has new crest
4. Dotty sees men as implacable opponents
5. Ruth, slighted, is injured
6. One held by errant, unruly tutor
7. Sailor gives up a ruble for a dredger
8. Hit hill starting down
9. Frank learned to conceal joint
10. Brave peer holding weapon
11. In opposition to cubist leader on art nouveau
12. Nonstandard poet embraces a holy one
13. First of debts to pay Alighieri
14. Extra payment, when baseless, is a burden
15. Brief victory in poetry is true
16. Tykes running around, encircling nanny
17. Stone monument has metallic sound
18. Bag boy holds large loafer
19. Separate and cut around top of pile
20. Perhaps Shylock has the Spanish gem
21. Objective of woman holding ring
22. Love in the south of France turned around language
23. Chuck paid for computer
24. Dealer confused chief
25. Stage of development in wild rats

Down

1. Stiffness of state structure
2. Cut off and adjusted net price at start of trade
3. Petrunkevitch carries a piece of baggage
4. Historian Alfred Leslie got up to embrace wife
5. Al Gore reveling in abundance
6. Planet's path
7. Beaver, e.g., covering lodge with trash
8. Puzzle about vehicle
9. Conspicuous foreigner in street
10. A bit of adrenaline in first animal
11. Administrator put head of nail into woodworking tool
12. Parvenu's good times with hooker
13. Strike out in Israeli defense
14. Couple starts to make another team effort
15. Madeline's food emporium
16. Lunatic is stuck with 500 instead of 100
17. Withdraw to fix a flat, maybe
18. Try to observe the Boltzmann constant
19. College girl's style
20. Carpenter's sweetheart in emergency room
21. Mafia leader's sign of acknowledgment is returned
22. Weather-beaten steel protecting men
23. Mom wrapping insect up in garment
24. Physician cured warts covering author