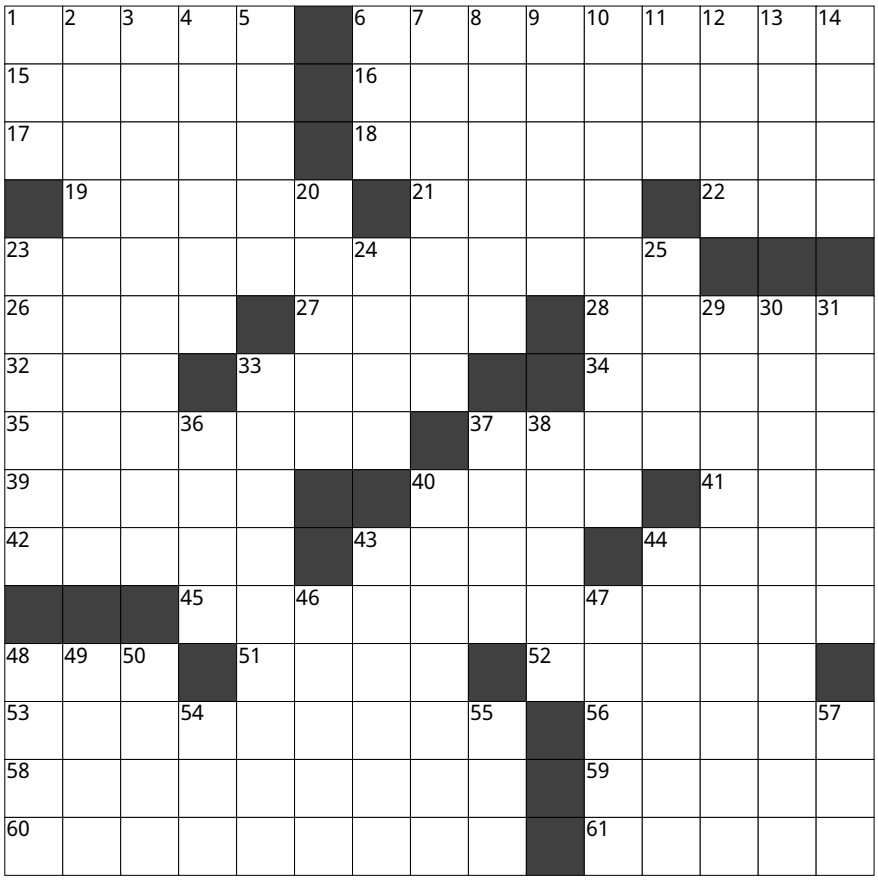
Though I'm Nobody's Poet, I Thought It Wasn't Half Bad

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1 Half-Vulcan officer aboard the Enterprise
6 Economically isolationist, in a way
15 Word that Alex Trebek pronounces distinctively (and repeatedly) in a 2019 viral supercut
16 Tonkotsu-based noodle dish
17 What the Lorax speaks for
18 Eschew procrastination
19 Younger Obama daughter
21 Burl who sang "A Holly Jolly Christmas"
22 Bay Area airport code
23 "Your guess is as good as mine"
26 Word following split or burnt
27 Work really hard
28 Parts of sleeves or pant legs
32 Young chap
33 "___ Nobody" (Rufus and Chaka Khan jam)
34 Ease, as fears
35 Readying, as fields
37 Tempers, as metal
39 Fruit of the Loom competitor
40 Nashville-centered accolades, briefly
41 Concorde: init.
42 Optimal
43 "It's gone!"
44 Clarified butter
45 17th century Dutch settlement on Manhattan Island
48 Pub pint
51 Feudal laborer
52 Like some symmetry
53 ___ replacement (TV series that benefits from another's cancellation)
56 Record of events
58 Pasta ___ (dish with lightly cooked vegetables)
59 Prefix before nutrients or economics
60 They may call for getting to the root of the problem?
61 Parts of some wine glasses

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1 Military rank in a Beatles album title
2 Message central to the plot of "Escape (The Pina Colada Song)"
3 Never to be repeated
4 Wave peaks
5 Pop singer whose name was once stylized with a dollar sign
6 Google Play purchase
7 Descriptor for some high-stakes poker
8 Take too many steps, in a way
9 "You didn't need to tell me"
10 Grouch-y abodes?
11 Cheer-y syllable
12 Iowa State city
13 Like Beethoven, by middle age
14 Opposite of exo-
20 "Lord of the Rings" actor Sean
23 Ancient oracle site
24 "The King of ___: A Fistful of Quarters" (2007 documentary about competitive classic arcade gaming)
25 Festive type of log
29 1983 film that caused a vogue for cutoff sweatshirts
30 Result of crying wolf
31 Gambler's dubious tactic
33 Position with easier access to the overhead bins
36 Gradually ease from
37 Singer-songwriter Tori who's had 3 no. 1's on the Billboard Hot Dance Club Songs chart
38 Tripartite treaty of the '90s: init.
40 Console
43 Analyzes grammatically
44 Direct a big smile toward
46 Use a loom
47 Semester-concluding tasks
48 Toggle on a digital clock
49 A pre-euro currency
50 Construct an anthology
54 "Unbelievable," via text
55 Rapper's name that is the middle of another rapper's name
57 Part of UCLA