EUROFILE POEM AND PUZZLES

a poem for europe



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GOOD (REASON) FOR BREXIT

We had to stop the surgeons and the fruit pickers, the money men and the cleaners from coming in. For we sought to address

poverty in low places and to make bread and honey in new ways. Round the bend,

awaited the Midas Touch. Your daughter deserved it. Your sons put away their knives and knuckledusters. South America

this was not. Many were the steps we took, forwards and back, sadly not to arrive

at the same place. We explained ourselves to the people but made little sense. Years later, all the children took that third day.

when there was no renewal, as the norm. No hands reach out but there is elsewhere, yes,

there is that, or so you say, there is that, under the large sky: opportunities, new friends greeting the stranger carefully,

meeting all attempts for what they are worth at the edge of this while, when your daughter

waits at the gate of the city of gold.

Cryptic Crossword

Across

- 1. Do it in a still somehow? (12) 7. Incorrect grown-up (5)
- 8. Resigned to the cost I worked out (5)
- 9. Some couturiers not in fashion (3)
- 10. Obvious love for a party document (9)
- 11. One that's statuesque and inscrutable? (6)
- 12. Take the car with a learner plate? Rubbish! (6)
- 15. Weariness of the girl I duet badly with (9)
- 17. Ate up a light meal (3)
- 18. I rant about the locomotive (5)
- 19. And not the paper on standards (5)
- 21. Enterprising runner? (12)

Down

- 1. Is not solaced, somehow, when dejected (12)
- 2. It's said to make a marriagel (1,2)
- 3. Foot inscription? (6)
- 4. Military unit having time to request to go to church (4,5)
- 5. Gongs with a hole in are musical instruments (5)
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 6. He's always in the classroom
- 7. Look at the timepiece (5) 10. Churchman making moron sing? (9)
- 13. Indications of choice needed to change the stove (5)
- 14. Vegetable and vase found in rubbish dump (6)
- 16. Upset the saint with a blemish (5)
- 20. Regret that it's a French way (3)

Sudoku – medium

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