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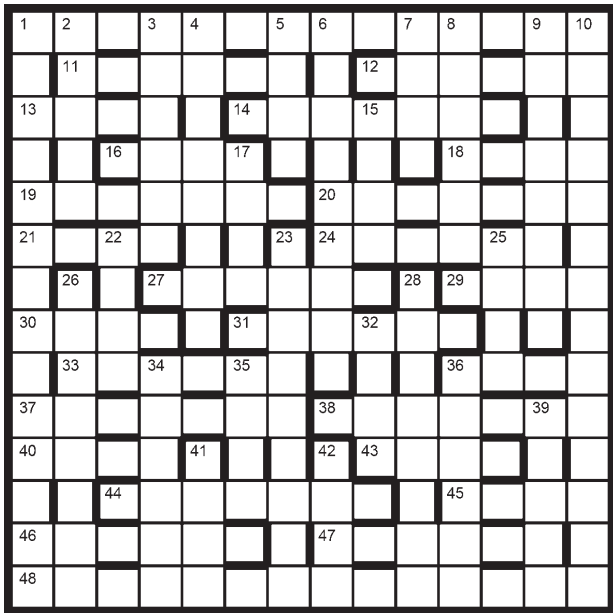
Around the perimeter, beginning at square 1, is a line of poetry (seven words, in *ODQ*) followed by the title of the poem (six words; one abbreviated word in the original title must be written out in full). Remaining unclued lights are of a kind, suggested by the quotation.

Across

- 11 Drug ring spread round India (6)
12 Quiet New Year last of all for Jewish community (6)
13 Nothing in drink for succulent plant (4)
14 Awfully neat image, oddly, shows ribbons (7)
20 Girl dancing around current king's cabinet (7)
21 Save wild birds (4)
27 Lament trouble on flipping Internet (6)
29 Deity has gravitas periodically (4)
30 Ordinarily holding back currency (4)
31 Mentors following universal customs (6)
33 Wave from car (6)
36 Old man saving energy no more (4)
37 Maybe avarice is something for the rich? (7)
40 Release bird westwards (4)
43 Past name for struggle (4)
45 Drama about American patriarch (4)
46 Key change due to be forbidden (6)
47 Pearl's books about nothing in Paris (6)

Down

- 2 Shout greeting abroad, holding 30 (5)
3 Business contacts I upset foolishly (3-3)
4 Went on Israeli version of Irish TV programme? (8)



- 5 From Rome, a lower fare (4)
6 Introductory price I see cut on beauty treatment (9)
7 Weak cryptic hint (4)
8 Seizing pounds, corrupt dictator (6)
9 Calm artist in uncoordinated state (8)
15 Partridge, say, climbing ravine (4)
17 Ex-VP no good once more (4)
22 Cash for large jumper? (4)
23 Faith about a sister's art (3-6)
25 Fantastic beast in university (4)
26 Airman, one twice flying in pre-fight period (8)
28 Bananas galore! Is sultana here? (8)
32 Knight had to leave festivity (4)
35 Heather mostly fine (4)
36 Medic's nursing individual feature of hives (6)
39 Poet's under Welsh location (5)
41 A lot of bitter maple (4)
42 What lovers do with small drink (4)

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