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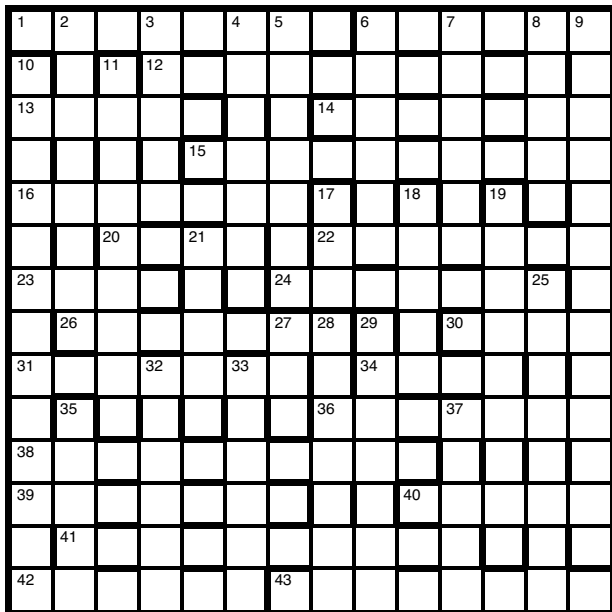
2756: 2B or not 2B?

by Fire

The unclued lights (two of two words) can be arranged to form the first line of a poem and the name of the poet.

Across

- 1 One reprimanded over nothing is kept apart (8)
6 Chinese way of brewing clear tea with miso (6)
13 Rows hard cycling (5)
14 Medic's misfortune in morning – a blockage (7)
15 Potentially crossed in game; Jenga club will crumble at last! (10)
16 Extra spicy fajitas for starter? That is right, twice (7)
20 Occasionally, Enya had no bread (4)
22 Take over and ruin her Italian sandwiches (7)
23 Every home spa ultimately comes with taps (4)
24 A little revolutionary seizes platform as member of protest movement (7)
26 Bad actor isn't disheartened in cheesy Italian production (7)
30 Great Dane in tub to wash fur at last (4)
31 Small mischievous fairy, somewhat disregarding others (7)
34 Element – one for nuclear age (4)
36 Volume of water rising and falling receded a tiny bit (7)
38 Careless fidgeting in auctions (10)
40 Took unusually small instruments (5)
41 Weak, nasty person with stands for bus measurements (10)
42 Aggressive syntax occasionally found on the internet? Really? (6)



43 In unusual story Dee went in search of shellfish (8)

Down

- 2 Sun covers Conservative writer's number one weapon (8)
3 Prisoner's coinage mostly contains iron (5)
4 Worldly renter renovated annexe at last (7)
5 Ran out after old flame injured pride (7)
6 Shape shifting into exhausted grandfather (6)
7 Former pupil, endlessly slated, gets roundly squashed? (6)
8 Closes – horse also inside (5)
9 Near miss met with no changes, being only fleeting (13)
10 Pompous fools, having eaten too much, start to sweat after polo? (7,6)
17 A4 retraced road (3)
19 Boy is captivated by methods of criminals (9)
21 Steer clear of rejected singer, holding onto love (5)

28 Wore down jacket for activity after a hot drink on Wherside's summit (3,4)

- 32 Casual reference to soccer in subtext? (6)
33 So Kelly oddly gets ill (6)
37 It indicates named folk of strange ethos (5)

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