

Life On Trial

by Aileen McPherson

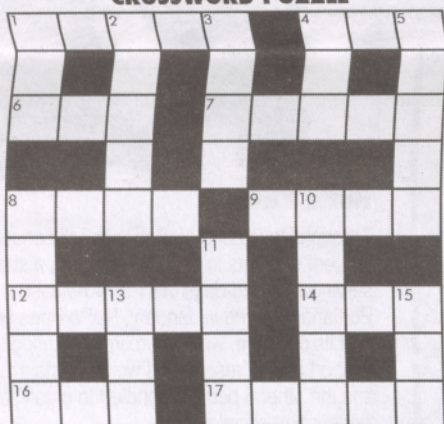
Life on trial, no denial, earned little
worth less, entire life dominated by stress.
Life on trial, accomplishments earned,
lessons learned, investments made in self
then changed and burned.
Life on trial, memories haunt, visions daunt,
voices taunt, take a jaunt walk it off,
all the while you reconcile.
Life on trial, no denial, skills learned,
tables turned, mind in hand,
working hard to understand, making changes grand,
all the while pen in hand take a stand.
Life on trial, no denial,
all I can do is smile,
It will all be over in a little while.

The Abyss of Emptiness

by Brian Nye

Where did the love go
Relationships were the goal
Then love turned to pain
Then came the thoughts, I'll never gain
Hate, rage and discontent is what it's become.
And I'm stuck not knowing how to get it undone
The emptiness in me I've named the
Abyss of emptiness
I try so hard I'm careless
With every rejection my soul drifts deeper
into the Abyss
For a long time my soul has been dying
Then I find myself alone somewhere crying

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1. Fermentation agent
4. Have a bite
6. Tree fluid
7. Cake ingredient
8. Three-ply cookie
9. Hook's henchman
12. Ground grain
14. The gift of ____
16. Tease or ridicule
17. Francis or Kevin?

DOWN

1. Affirmative!
2. Type of fritter
3. Analyze or try
4. Cake ingredient
5. Tres
8. Deal
10. Potter's practice
11. Nosh!
13. Late rapper; abbr.
15. ____ appetit



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