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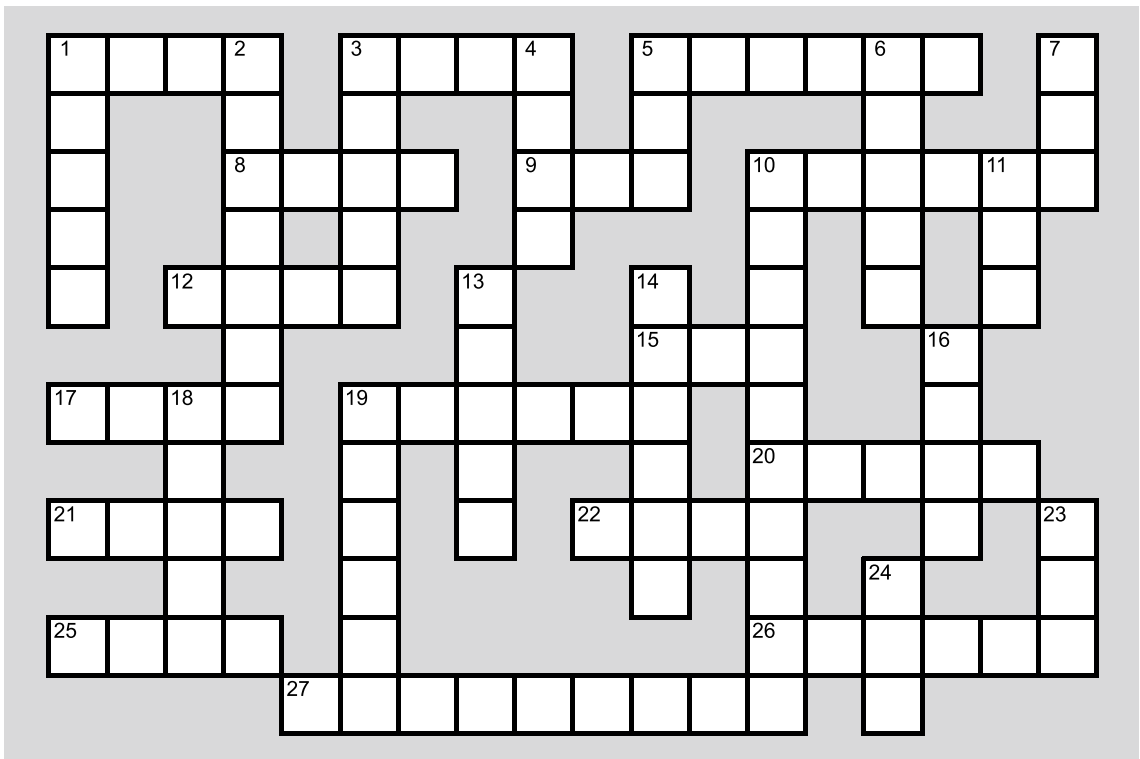
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Find the answers to the crossword in the poem.



**Across**

- 1 The opposite of rich (4)
- 3 The opposite of well (4)
- 5 A very short time (6)
- 8 Sticky liquid that comes from the nose (4)
- 9 Food eaten and chewed more than once (3)
- 10 Not the sky (6)
- 12 Signal by moving a hand (4)
- 15 Faster than walking (3)
- 17 Make this with your hand (4)
- 19 Short for "what you" (6)
- 20 People do this when they are happy (5)
- 21 What football players want to score (4)
- 22 A football player has two (4)
- 25 People often do this with gum (4)
- 26 Having a quick mind or good skill (6)
- 27 This kind of person goes to church (9)

**Down**

- 1 What football is played on (5)
- 2 Begin again (7)
- 3 Get a goal (5)
- 4 Do this to a football (4)
- 5 To be angry or crazy (3)
- 6 Not somebody (2-3)
- 7 Soft, wet earth (3)
- 10 A sport done at the Olympics (10)
- 11 What a football goal has (3)
- 13 Mad (5)
- 14 What people give to God when they want help (6)
- 16 Move by turning over and over (4)
- 18 Look hard (5)
- 19 Move quickly up and down or left and right (6)
- 23 What the ball flies through (3)
- 24 The number of players in a football team minus the goalie (3)

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