

## Prize Acrostic: Christmas double issue 2019

### First grid Solution

A. Matched. B. A shudder in the ("Leda and the Swan"). C. Nettle (Henry IV, Part I, 2:3). D. Throw it out of the window (Malone Dies). E. Headstrong as an allegory (The Rivals, 3:3). F. Eighth Symphony (The Kennedy Center, Notes on Past Performances). G. The dear little kangaroos (Lady Windermere's Fan, 2). H. As the bleb of the icicle ("North"). I. Looked through my (Proverbs 7:6). J. Bathhouse. K. Odds is gone and (Antony and Cleopatra, 4:15). L. The park. The gate was (Ulysses). M. Patina. N. Remember your (attrib.). O. Extortion and hast (Ezekiel 22:12). P. Sea shanty. Q. Sinew which shrank which (Genesis 32:32). R. Dead in vain (Galatians 2:21). S. Under. T. Booth died blind ("General William Booth Enters into Heaven"). U. Lenny Henry. V. It is myself that I remake ("The friends that have it I do wrong"). W. Nation-state (Eric Hobsbawm: A Life In History).

### Source and text

Tomás O'Crohan, *The Islandman*, The Talbot Press, Dublin [and Chatto and Windus, London 1937]: "There was nobody living in the Island, young or old, or in the mainland parishes either, that Bald Tom didn't know his exact age – the day, the year, and the hour of his birth. The people said that there wasn't his like for a long memory in the countryside, though he didn't know the ABC in any language. He often used to tell me that the Christmas cakes were ready baked when I was born, on St Thomas's Day ..."

**Winner:** Maurice Clint, of Belfast.

**Runners up:** Miss P.M.J. Balkwill, of Lewes, East Sussex; Tom McAuley, of Brussels; Ian McNeill, of St Albans, Herts; Catherine Fisher, of Gwent; Roger Dean, of Rochester, Kent.

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