Vermont Crostic Puzzle

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Answer the clues; transfer the letters on the numbered dashes to the correspondingly numbered squares in the diagram. Work back and forth between the grid and the word list to complete the puzzle. The finished puzzle will spell out a quotation (from a Vermont author or on a Vermont theme) reading from left to right; black squares separate the words in the quotation. **The "crostic" part of the puzzle ("crostic" derived from the Greek, meaning "head") is that the first letters of the clued answers, reading down, will spell out the name of the author and/or the source of the quotation.** The puzzle will appear every second and fourth Sunday; for tips on solving or other questions, e-mail *crostic@lycos.com*.

1 M	2 G	3 P	■	4 O	5 K	6 V	7 I	■	8 U	9 L	10 F	■	11 W	12 H	13 V	■	14 D	15 T	16 B	17 S	18 J	19 C	■	20 T
21 L	22 S	23 X	24 B	25 F	■	26 H	27 Y	■	28 E	29 B	30 T	31 C	32 J	■	33 J	34 N	35 T	36 D	37 B	38 E	39 R	40 Y	■	41 U
42 G	43 V	■	44 Q	45 N	46 A	■	47 B	48 E	49 F	50 J	51 D	52 Q	53 C	54 T	■	55 E	56 J	57 T	58 D	59 N	60 S	61 C	■	62 N
63 T	64 J	65 X	66 K	67 D	68 E	69 S	■	70 K	71 N	72 D	73 S	74 R	75 J	76 T	77 E	■	78 M	79 Q	80 G	81 O	■	82 T	83 L	84 N
85 U	86 Y	87 C	88 B	■	89 J	90 N	91 T	92 D	93 C	94 E	95 R	■	96 V	97 I	98 O	99 F	■	100 O	101 F	102 A	■	103 E	104 W	105 Q
■	106 G	107 P	■	108 A	109 H	■	110 X	111 D	112 T	113 R	114 Q	115 J	116 E	■	117 B	118 N	119 L	120 K	■	121 D	122 P	123 N	124 X	125 U
■	126 I	127 L	128 M	129 U	■	130 Q	131 B	132 N	133 E	134 S	135 T	136 R	137 D	138 J	139 C	140 K	141 F	142 A	■	143 I	144 Y	145 W	146 G	■
147 E	148 J	149 N	150 Q	151 T	152 X	153 C	■	154 H	155 I	156 W	■	157 M	158 R	159 B	160 W	■	161 J	162 D	163 C	164 N	165 B	166 T	167 K	168 E
169 R	170 S	171 O	■	172 X	173 E	174 B	175 D	■	176 P	177 K	178 Y	179 M	■	180 T	181 J	182 E	183 L	184 D	185 R	■	■	■	■	■

A. French Riviera spot
___ ___ ___ ___
46 108 142 102

B. Don McLean hit, 1971 (two words)
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
131 117 24 159 165 88 174 37 47 16 29

C. "I couldn't agree more" (three words)
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
61 93 53 139 163 87 19 31 153

D. Dessert using egg whites (two words)
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
137 51 111 72 175 92 58 121 67 36 162 14 184

E. Classic song from "The Wizard of Oz" (three words)
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
68 147 133 168 77 173 48 116 182 38 94 28 55 103

F. Root vegetable
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
10 49 99 141 25 101

G. Hues
___ ___ ___ ___ ___
2 106 80 42 146

H. Headgear
___ ___ ___ ___
12 154 26 109

I. Comic DeGeneres
___ ___ ___ ___ ___
7 126 143 97 155

J. Office held by Richard Nixon and Lyndon B. Johnson (two words)
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
89 138 50 161 33 56 115 64 148 75 18 32 181

K. Its capital is Tallinn
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
120 70 140 177 66 5 167

L. Decayed
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
119 9 183 21 127 83

M. Catchers' needs
___ ___ ___ ___ ___
157 1 179 78 128

N. Eerie
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
149 132 71 90 59 45 118 123 164 62 34 84

O. Snappily attired
___ ___ ___ ___ ___
171 98 4 100 81

P. Digestion aid
___ ___ ___ ___
107 122 176 3

Q. Appease
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
130 44 114 150 79 52 105

R. There's still hope: "_____lost" (three words)
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
136 74 113 169 185 39 158 95

S. Malamud novel, with "The"
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
69 170 17 73 134 22 60

T. Choice with a salad (two words)
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
135 166 35 54 63 112 76

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
57 91 151 180 20 82 15 30

U. Dumps want them "clean"
___ ___ ___ ___ ___
8 41 85 125 129

V. Endangered trees
___ ___ ___ ___
13 96 6 43

W. Full in the extreme
___ ___ ___ ___ ___
145 104 11 160 156

X. Insults; provocations
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
23 124 65 152 172 110

Y. Leers at
___ ___ ___ ___ ___
27 40 86 144 178

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