

The Transformation

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ACROSS

1. With 28–Across, "Let You Love Me" singer
5. 22 in Blackjack, say
9. Acclimate
14. German automaker owned by General Motors until 2017
15. Celtic singer of "Caribbean Blue"
16. 14–time Grammy winner Kendrick
17. *Towering attractive person, to Jesus?
20. Minnesota state bird
21. Oolong or rooibos
22. Word before X, Y, or Z, briefly
23. *Draw poorly, to Rumpelstiltskin?
28. See 1–Across
29. Volcanic output
30. Close
31. Word after essential or motor
32. "Ahh! A mouse!"
34. Some serious shows
38. Distorts, as facts
41. Morning lawn covering
43. Game for minor leaguers?
44. Painter's stands
46. Booking for a band
48. Sticky stuff
49. Back muscles, briefly
51. "Pass"
53. Minneapolis–Duluth dir.
54. *Broadway play centered around an undecided jury, to Circe?
59. "It all makes sense now!"
60. Punny dessert for March 14th
61. It falls in the fall
62. *Classic fall activity, to Cinderella's Fairy Godmother

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68. Calvin of the fashion world
69. Norse ruler of Valhalla
70. Sound that bounces back
71. Sonata or Accord, e.g.
72. Distance swimming legend Diana
73. Off the market, say

DOWN

1. Go bad
2. Dogfish Head's 60 Minute or Ballast Point's Sculpin: Abbr.
3. Dead giveaways
4. Apportion
5. ___ Mountain Dog, one of four ancient Swiss Sennenhund breeds
6. Prefix with brow or sex
7. Instrument featured in the "Reading Rainbow" theme song

8. Face, as a challenge
9. Alien of 80s TV
10. Crow relative
11. Chihuahuan chum
12. Sports talk show lineup
13. It's hot!
18. 2022 World Cup host city
19. Partook in a regatta, say
23. One in a gaggle
24. Actress Alexander of "Wu-Tang: An American Saga"
25. Slough, as snake skin
26. Like a cranberry
27. Snag
33. Container that's tapped
35. It's fantastic in Florence
36. "I knew it all ___"
37. Gin-flavoring fruits
39. Source of drinking water

40. Bosnian or Bohemian
42. Word after chicken or hospital
45. Start of some instructions
47. Bit of Christmas decoration
50. Former name for Ho Chi Minh City
52. "Some Came Running" star Martha
54. Adds (on)
55. Ahab's obsession
56. Dog-___ (like many used books)
57. High-maintenance, in a way
58. Does some roadwork
63. Small inlet
64. Quaint quarters
65. "Zero Dark Thirty" org.
66. Org. with Golden Knights and Blue Jackets
67. OMG part