



*Here we are
in a room full of
strangers*

*(Nights on Broadway,
B. R. & M. Gibb, 1975)*

puzzle set by Dalibor

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Across

- 1 Perhaps orange squash lacks final bit of strength after drinking it (6)
- 4 Like this puzzle, it came out on Thursday (8)
- 10 Empress' clothes initially all the rage, welcomed by fashion retailer (7)
- 11 Soprano falls over, one's entertained, this is humour (7)
- 12 *Massachusetts* and *In The Morning*: that's what the Queen likes to hear (4)
- 13 I'm fun? Cruel, wild, ruthless! (10)
- 15 In the end, Bee Gees consuming no alcohol? (6)
- 16 US band covers rather timeless work by Robin (7)
- 20 Barry drops by before composer turns up (7)
- 21 So, gym's at the heart of a French sporting event (2,4)
- 24 Nerdy type in German car about to leave country after work (10)
- 26 Losing weight, that is a thought (4)
- 28 which includes: good to abandon Coke and Tango as drink (4,3)
- 29 Nearly drunk? Sing! (7)
- 30 Annoying people chatter about possible life after death, for a start (8)
- 31 Hardy girl less tense, overwhelmed by Dão, rum and port (6)

Down

- 1 Waiters told to obstruct serving vegetable (8)
- 2 Southern wind over much of southern Portugal reaching place in Spain (9)
- 3 1 °C? (4)
- 5 Was quick to find East End's problem: "put an *h* in front" (8)
- 6 Short song Maurice composed for Fish, perhaps (4,6)
- 7 *Tragedy*'s beginning with a series of chords that's wonderful (5)
- 8 Keep calm, almost extremely silent inside, ultimately serene (6)
- 9 Andy regularly supports cool girl (5)
- 14 North Lazio's at sea level (10)
- 17 Old flame, despite changes, gains momentum (9)
- 18 Shearer somehow among foremost of pundits? Au contraire, put differently (8)
- 19 A new romance first filmed (2,6)
- 22 getting support from above when sex is involved (6)
- 23 University going for minimum level? Fun will be gone (5)
- 25 Family man keeps on creating panic (5)
- 27 Listen to *First of May* in depth (4)