Hints for Harvard Puzzle "Hearing Voices"

Parentheses around a clue mean that a letter must be omitted from the answer word before it will fit in the grid. Numbers in parentheses indicate lengths of answer words, and an asterisk * indicates a capitalized word.

Across

- 1. Speaking of a place Lowell ultimately made the 1. core of Harvard (5) 2.
- 2. (Wild witches with no head for moral principles) (6)
- 3. Father coupled with new seductress (5)
- 4. Bowling started at bowling green's edge (5)
- 5. (Mark clutches Nan's head in a stupor) (6)
- 6. Join mate in dissipation (4)
- 7. A dazzling display of three notes (5)
- 8. (A series of stages that doesn't start in summer) (5)
- Said something corny in a state of confusion
 (4)
- 10. Gain a reward in rare appearance (4)
- 11. Played the part of another one leaving injured (5)
- 12. *(Gardner and sailor in popular movie) (6)
- 13. Rosa bending a rail (4)
- 14. Flapper loses head and panics in descent (6)
- 15. Roll when stop is incomplete (3)
- 16. Scale of Charlie's left arm, for example (5)
- 17. Native American in South Dakota gives a speech (6)
- 18. Helvetia rallies around crown (5)
- 19. *Mountain range is part of natural scenery (5)
- 20. Fighting man gives up one bond (6)
- 21. *Earl leaves to look for a place on the Mediterranean coast (4)
- 22. (Penny has a covering brought back for outcast) (6)
- 23. Duck down incline (5)
- 24. (Cheer about a Democrat with swagger) (7)
- 25. (Wander off with governor) (6)

Down

- 1. (Liveliness of creeper fish) (7)
- 2. (Rabble-rousing with nothing to attack) (7)
- 3. (Upscale, rehabbed compartment) (7)
- 4. Small rate for room (5)
- 5. *Opened Monday with Mamet play (6)
- 6. Start to speak before French scholar (6)
- 7. (Head honcho, princess, and minister meet) (8)
- 8. (A large buzzer summons a dramatist) (5)
- 9. *An African republic steeped in formalities (4)
- 10. (Sung conductor's songs) (6)
- 11. *(US battling crime inside Arizona's borders) (7)
- 12. Garment covered by red hot iron (5)
- 13. Lady going up and down (5)
- 14. Unlatched new grid to release bird (7)
- 15. Poet goes up in defeat (3)
- 16. Obama confines Republican in building (7)
- 17. Bound in simple apparel (4)
- 18. Sweetheart covered up with torn rags (5)
- 19. (Snake initially activated rattle to alarm) (7)
- 20. Start to clean and scour rail (5)
- 21. (A ruler's amazingly bizarre) (7)
- 22. (Bold supporter gets religion) (6)