Birthday Jubilation by Ucaoimhu

In this diagramless cryptic, you must supply not only the letters in the entries, but also the bars that separate entries; these will display the usual crossword symmetry. All letters and bars will fit within the grid shown; one necessary square will appear to be missing at first, but when you complete the grid it will be there. If you take the operation indicated by the two-line dedication of this crossword, and perform it on the contents of that square, the result will indicate a time of great significance.

ACROSS

- 1. My enthralling but old-fashioned mistress started to become domestic again? (2 wds.)
- 7. Behold saint's enigmatic TV show
- 9. Sack containing author's charge card, in short
- 10. Brawny fellow from a gym
- 11. Dave translated Hindu scripture
- 12. Loud goblin exhibits anger about first line of dedication (2 wds.)
- 13. West Indian leaves produce matted soil
- 14. Use a shuttle or horse to escape The Thing
- 15. Last part of *Ulee's Gold* shows Isaac's son
- 16. Phonetic half of this clue was troubling

17. Once again, type in error-filled letter

DOWN

- 1. Forget a wild chase (2 wds.)
- 2. Embrace English sot drinking pint
- 3. Barbarian has quick way of finishing second line of dedication (2 wds.)
- 4. Homer talks about conspiracy of silence
- 5. Muse lacks time to intervene
- 6. One who demands and gets a quintillion folks from Conn.?
- 8. Lunar highlands author Pratchett mentioned