

Today's anacrostic puzzle solution

Title: A mesmerizing, meandering musical metaphor

Quote: *Moon river, wider than a mile
I'm crossing you in style some day
Oh, dream maker, you heart breaker
Wherever you're goin', I'm goin' your way
Two drifters, off to see the world
There's such a lot of world to see
We're after the same rainbow's end
Waitin' 'round the bend
My huckleberry friend
Moon river and me*

- A. HOLD MY BEER...Famous last words of one of Jeff Foxworthy's friends?
- B. EWWW...Child's reaction to squishing a bug accidentally
- C. NOT A MYSTERY...When intentions are obvious
- D. REUBENS...RIP Paul ____, the actor who created the Pee Wee Herman character
- E. YANKEE DOODLE...Man of song who "went to town/A-riding on a pony"
- F. MARK & NEIL...Slabaugh father/son duo who were this year's "Cook Off" champs at the 4H fair with their "Slow and Steady" technique
- G. AUDREY HEPBURN...She sang the song in the quote as the lead character in "Breakfast at Tiffany's"
- H. NARRATIVE...Storyline constructed by media, politicians, to advance agendas
- I. CALM BEFORE THE STORM...Moment of respite before all heck breaks loose
- J. IVORY COAST...West Africa nation where elephants were once abundant
- K. NUTRI...__-Grain (cereal bar brand)
- L. IU...Higher education option in Bloomington, Indiana
- M. ANDY WILLIAMS...This man also recorded the song in the quote and it became his signature
- N. "NO WORRIES"... "No problem. You're good"
- O. DOGWOOD...Canine's favorite tree? Ask the people of Missouri and Virginia who made it their state tree
- P. JOG THE MEMORY...Trigger a recollection
- Q. OFF THE GRID...Survivalist's prefer to live this way
- R. "HOME SWEET HOME"...Words breathed out at the end of a long journey as the luggage hits the floor
- S. NOT A FEW...More than one or two or three for that matter
- T. ND...Higher education option in South Bend, Indiana
- U. YORKSHIRE TERRIER...British breed of toy dog
- V. MOTHER EARTH NEWS...1970's magazine encouraging a back to the land lifestyle (it's still around, btw)
- W. EFFUSIVE...Gushy
- X. RAIN...Gift from heaven that finally showed up in July sending flowers from Farm Grown Flowers (you pick 'em) in Middlebury busting out all over
- Y. CONDI...George W. Bush's Secretary of State who was also an accomplished pianist
- Z. EUROS...Traveler's necessity from Ireland (but not England) to Lithuania
- AA. RAIDER...Northridge athlete

Acrostic: *Henry Mancini and Johnny Mercer*