Editors and readers of Word Ways evidently are unaware that real world problems do not arrive complete with rules for their solution. (Stonehenge is one such example; the Voynich manuscript is another.)

Therefore, in this Contest -- with a prize of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) to the winner -- there are no rules, regulations, nor hints.

Figure out the problem and submit your solution by July 1, 1974 to Word Ways, Morristown, New Jersey 07960. The judges are Faith and Ross Eckler. If only trivial solutions are received, the judges may declare the Contest null and void.

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-- heart
-- soul

--- guidebook
--- cistern
--- pony

------ measure

------ bet
------ bird
------ clothed
------ nightcap
------ purloined
------ twisted

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