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## HARSH WORDS by LeXman

The **theme answers** have to change from hard consonants (C as in “carry” and G as in “gone”) to soft ones (C as in “ceiling” and G as in “giant”) before they can be entered into the grid.

### ACROSS

1. Spoke fondly, omitting nothing, to both men and women – CO[O]ED
4. [S] Urging on star with belt – GOO + SING (“juicing”)
10. Narcissus' love returns, bearing ocean ice – FL(O)ES (R)
12. [P] Man takes Nurse **P**earl, at first, for a ride in the hospital – GU(RN)(E)Y (“journey”)
13. Iris' home with *nouveau* element – UVEA (H)
14. Animal ran sneakily back around tangle – ENSNARL (R)(H)
16. Not a single person to date took a midday nap – NO ONE + D
18. At river's edge, unfasten line – R + OPE
20. [E] Blame **E**ton for error in cunning – GUIL[E] + T (“jilt”)
21. In a musical piece, C, then G to follow close behind – DO + G
22. Renegade takes an oath that is rarely taken seriously – EGAD (H)
23. Hires a dentist – A + DDS
24. [A] Stairs, crates, boards – CATERS\* (“satyrs”)
26. Cross anti-sin nuts (3 words) – IN A SNIT\*
30. It takes nothing to forego a fig – I(O)T + A
32. [K] Losing heart in hock **k** or in grief – CORING (H) (“soaring”)
34. [S] Log scab at emergency room – CAB + ER (“sabre”)
35. Excuse expert, shaky and tense – PRETEX\* + T
36. Plant engulfed by inferno – FERN (H)

C	O	E	D	J	U	I	C	I	N	G
A	B	M	G	A	P	F	L	O	E	S
J	O	U	R	N	E	Y	A	W	T	O
U	V	E	A	E	N	S	N	A	R	L
N	O	O	N	E	D	A	R	O	P	E
J	I	L	T	D	O	G	E	G	A	D
A	D	D	S	E	S	A	T	Y	R	S
I	N	A	S	N	I	T	I	O	T	A
L	B	B	O	S	O	A	R	I	N	G
S	A	B	R	E	U	R	E	R	E	A
P	R	E	T	E	X	T	F	E	R	N

### DOWN

1. A style of music (cooler, retro), mostly when people get married – CA (R) + JUN[E]
2. Pear-shaped musical instrument gets empty in a different way – OBO[E] + VOID
3. Australia's unofficial mascot is a shaved primate – [L]EMU[R]

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4. [O] Georgia boy in benefit – GA + IN (“Jane”)
5. Flip over stupendous stuffing – UPEND (H)
6. Family's public land holding – CLAN (H)
7. Radio waves carrying Slipknot's second album – IOWA (H)
8. Clear bag – NET (2)
9. Acknowledges gender diatribes – G + RANTS
11. [F] Shivering shrews barfed – [S]COLD[S] (“soled”)
15. Story of Turkish leadership getting around – SAGA (R)
17. Home after the start of everything! – E + DEN
18. Stop working to perform routine auto upkeep? – RETIRE (2)
19. Let criticism upset friend – PAR + TNER (R)
20. [T] Winds up with tin fuselage – GALES (H) (R) (“jails”)
24. [L] Stroke couple endlessly – COUP[E] (“Sioux”)
25. Depress an astronomer with a best-selling novel – SAG + AN
27. Arrested naked clergyman – [N]ABBE[D]
28. [Y] Date to copyright your piece of technology – C + OUR + T (“sort”)
29. Dessert with a lot of sauce – TART (2)
31. Forbid admittance to a tavern – BAR (2)
33. Anger on the rise in America – IRE (H)

The removed letters spell an appropriate piece of advice: "**SPEAK SOFTLY.**"