BLANKETY BLANKETY BLANK

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Each clue is missing one word; these words form a set, though not in the proper order.

ACROSS
1  Somehow, I console ___ states at one time (8)
6  ___ prostitutes start to assimilate Bantu language (5)
7  Sports audience included in group of ___ for a reporter (5)
9  Very reflective Tennessee poem with ___ lines (6)
10 ___-sided figure mostly captivates large organization (4)
12  Essentially, ___ born close to a Mediterranean island (4)
14  Product ___, for example, appearing regularly in discussion (6)
17  Something ___ can do: sunbathe and travel (5)
18  Employ former lover and ___ from Italy in recession (5)
19  ___ jockeys going around the speed of light, virtually (2 6)

DOWN
1  Sing “Blackbird” and “___” without finales (5)
2  Get a rise out of ___ after the premiere, reportedly (6)
3  Cold-blooded sort inverted 2/3 of ___ (4)
4  Screen writing is unconvincing, back around part ___ of series (1-4)
5  ___ deviates ultimately felt alive (8)
8  Hiss “seeress” before ___ in audition (8)
11  ___ largely dealing with grave (6)
13  Country bishop uplifted ___ (5)
15  ___ providing special occasion (5)
16  When it comes up, aggressively promote game with ___ holes (4)