

John the Determinist

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Polished up and standing in a row
Wind up the gears, watch them go
People made of spring and sparks
Humming with electric hearts

Hoping for a ghost inside the shell
But if it's there it's hidden well
All we are is ticks and tocks
Seconds in a pocket watch

Oh you silly things
I've got you figured out

Walking on a January lake
I feel the ice around me break
One more ripple in the pond
Stretched out until it's calm