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To the tune of "Three Whores of Winnipeg" (traditional).

C
Three COBOL programmers quarrelled
     F   C
One night in the local bar
C
Each one claimed that his payroll job
     G7   C
Was fastest of all by far.

     C
  So number your decks, you hackers
      F   C
  The keypunch is down the hall
  C
  Bring on the bugs, you lazy slugs,
  G7   C
  Mine's the quickest of all.

The first said "Mine is the quickest
It's obvious at first sight
We load up the tapes on Wednesday noon
And finish by Thursday night."

The second said "Mine is faster
The database stays on line
We fire it up at eight am
And finish by half-past nine."

The third one said "You pikers,
You're starting your runs too soon—
The job that we run in the morning's done
By the previous afternoon."