computer

Hackers

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When the shades of night have fallen EmAnd the world in darkness lies AmThey awake from fitful slumber G C G And they open bleary eyes C When computers run their fastest F G By the console's lurid light F C Comes the hacker's hour of glory G C G C Hackers do it every night.

 $\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{C} \\ \mathrm{So \ here's \ to \ the \ midnight \ hackers} \\ \mathsf{G} \\ \mathrm{And \ the \ deeds \ they \ do \ by \ night} \\ \mathsf{C} \\ \mathrm{May \ all \ their \ bugs \ be \ easy} \\ \mathsf{G} \\ \mathsf{G} \\ \mathsf{C} \\ \mathsf{G} \\ \mathrm{And \ may \ all \ their \ bugs \ be \ easy} \\ \mathsf{G} \\ \mathsf{C} \\ \mathsf{G} \\ \mathrm{May \ their \ hardware \ run \ like \ lightning} \\ \mathsf{F} \\ \mathsf{F} \\ \mathsf{C} \\ \mathrm{May \ it \ stay \ up \ through \ the \ night} \\ \mathsf{F} \\ \mathsf{Hackers \ do \ it \ with \ computers} \\ \mathsf{G} \\ \mathsf{C} \\ \mathsf{G} \\ \mathsf{C} \\ \mathsf{C} \\ \mathrm{And \ they \ do \ it \ every \ night.} \end{array}$

No higher level language Our intentions can express So with dirty old machine code Our attentions we will press If we must we'll try for hours Getting every statement right In our lowest level programs Hackers do it byte by byte.

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Now microcode is nasty But you frequently will find It's the only thing computers have To motivate their mind. It takes sleazy tricks and pure brute force To get it all to fit So for heavy microcoding Hackers do it bit by bit.

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