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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.”

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