

## **The Rest is Silence....**

(The Ballad of Fyfield Church Clock revisited)

Who said that electronic glory  
Would end the old clock's gloomy story?  
Some months passed by OK and then  
It failed to strike one night at ten!

I'm trying hard to seem annoyed –  
Did someone mention Schadenfreude? –  
To see the clever chaps arrive  
And fail to mend it! Off they drive,

Complaining that the self-same spring  
Has bust (it breaks me up to sing)  
And so the same unhappy pawl  
Is once again no use at all.

So technocrats have lost the day.  
I think that I can safely say:  
It might be best to wind by hand  
And use the odd elastic band!

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