

Seven-Segment Display

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mechanical man wakes up
to ringing of alarm clock
and crawls as one of night-time pack
to discharge mechanical tasks

he joins mechanical procession
of MRT taxi and jeep
secondary corporate workers
brought to skyscraper cells

from contract-bound brains protrude
cables of internet and telephone
to answer overseas calls
to answer to foreign people

mechanical man grows thick accents
on account of money and checks
money is god is money
man mechanical commodity

clocks of seven-segment displays
announce truce for mechanical man
to feed empty stomach with coffee
or instant meals prepped mechanically



end of twelve-hour duty marks
escape for mechanical man
from high-rise jails to strive
to be more than mechanical

will mechanical man see sun rise
as he spends day on dreamless bed
only sleep and clock maintain
sanity of mechanical man