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To code the impossible code
To bring up a virgin machine
To pop out of endless recursion
To grok what appears on the screen

To right the unrightable bug
To endlessly twiddle and thrash
To mount the unmountable magtape
To stop the unstoppable crash

This is my quest
To debug that code
No matter how hopeless
No matter the load
To write those routines
Without question or pause
To be willing to hack FORTRAN IV
For a heavenly cause
And I know if I'll only be true
To this glorious quest
That my code will run cuspy and calm
When it's put to the test

And the queue will be better for this
That one man, scorned and destined to lose
Still strove with his last allocation
To scrap the unscrappable kludge

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