

Automaton

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He arrived on the scene
With no past and no future
He seemed to know your dreams
Replace tears with laughter
Street corner whispers
Would mention his name
Selfish? Benevolent?
What was his game? Some say, he's perfect
Some say, a spy
A hidden power
They all wonder, why
The rumors mounted
But still no fact
I need to find out
Some say, perfect hidden power
We all wonder, why
Questions unanswered
Suspicion alerted
I went round to his place
If felt quite deserted
I climbed the stairs to where
His body lay without motion
No spirit lives in there
The cord had been broken
His skin was reptile
No life in there
Not young not old
A long hollow glare
His breath had stopped
No hearts beat there
Is this a man?
Should I believe hidden power
They all wondered, why
My attention was caught
By a sound from the door
Panic gripped the mind
What lay in store
A being stared at me
Benevolent, not cold
Automaton, he is controlled
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