Hail to thee, my gizmo smart
That sends live current through my heart.
My sinus node has lost its vigor
And needs adjustment of its trigger.
Your electric mind has figured out
Proper rhythms to give the clout
For contracting pumps both left and right
Rushing blood to proper sites.
Needed oxygen to the brain
For thoughts and conscience to maintain.
Pacer, you mean all to me—
Whether to be or not to be.

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