

This is the good work

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To Montreal we did go,
To avoid that May Prairie Snow...
You say AI? Be Specific!
Hugs for all within the time limit! [bring it in, bring it in]
And we all know to Big AI we say “non!”

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Far over, just below the peak of the crown royal
Where they gathered, a'whole,
to the knowledge share to everyone

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We learned not to say AI
But when we talk to be precise
We saw the fingers that digitize
The books that we analyze
The algorithms that analyze us
How we inscribe our knowledge as situated, relational, embodied,

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Here I was holding the kitchen sink
To find some word that played well with ink(e)
As I searched high and low
only then did I know
There were few ways to echo that link?

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Someone said this guy Big AI

Is going to steal our jobs
I took a break to have some coffee
And think about the future
Don't be evil!

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The future is creative
The future is collaborative
The future is relational
We build semantic patterns
From the echoes of our communication

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We build trust
Over years of community support
Be present
(seriously, this time)
I came with a draft,
Left with a different question.
This is the good work.

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Years of conferences,
Papers blur, but you don't blur.
You are what remains
I trust your reading.
I trust you with my drafts, doubts...
Same thing, really.
I did not expect
to find good friends, and yet here—
Friends... actual friends!