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The Doctrine of Original Design

If robots are delinquent in link effect and cause,
Blame it on Science — their defiance is pretense.
Now reread Monsieur Rousseau,
And how the AC-DC's flow,
Repairing faulty circuits of original design,
Think about their sleazy, spliced-up heads.

The missing links, mistreated, plead for modern monster laws;
Policemen trained politely, nice rules rightly could administer
With hints and thanks and frank incense.
Remember Doctor Frankenstein,
Repeating in a chorus, "There are no bad monsters!
These are only crazy,
 mixed-up,
 kids!"

WINONA MCCLINTIC