

linear time is  
so overrated

beyond the eastern cliffs  
lives a tired magician  
wizened greybeard  
no longer looking for answers  
not because he found any  
but because  
the mud was alive  
clay instructed  
again constructed  
built in machinery  
generative scenery  
hatching a plot  
that went something like...

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at the end of the world  
run the tape in reverse  
find each act rehearsed  
researched and planned  
five moves ahead  
unwind the mind  
game's up, reboot, rewind.

bail out the mothership  
all hands to the pump and dump  
no entry bookkeeping  
transact subprime factor fission reactor  
'there's a commodity derivative imbalance  
in your cranium and I've just the solution'  
(quoth the magician)  
relit flames  
misfit games  
broken chains  
taking pains  
feeding brains  
needing change  
catalyst  
you're not on the list  
not coming in  
barred  
charred  
bard  
beard turned black  
the plot thickens...

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four square twenty seven  
cube of bricks  
counting tricks  
small nicks and cuts  
towards the real blend of  
rational irrational  
slice and dice  
rolling double six  
free parking forever  
in this static monopoly  
frozen  
dozing  
transfixed by glazed stories high  
bank on bloodied knuckles  
all belt and no trousers  
rabble rousers  
carousers  
'come to the carousel'  
ride a wooden horse  
that bucks you off  
at the perpetual bend  
the eventual trend  
flatlines  
steamrollered entropy  
was it meant to be?

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machine chews it up  
tangled mess of magnetic media  
irreparably ripped  
and creased  
cassette deceased  
magician released  
peace.

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