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"The Kickstand Song"

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Up until now my ideas have been latent
The cycling world will never be the same
But come first light I'll be taking out a patent
And from that day
If a bike be found lying on the ground again
I'm not to blame

What joy it'll bring, piece of metal and a spring
Bolted down by the back wheel, activated by the heel
What joy it'll bring, piece of metal and a spring

What chicken laid the egg from whence inside an idea
hatches?
From prototype to production lines to the first one
hundred batches
I will do for parking bikes what anchors did for sailing
What joy it'll bring, piece of metal and a spring

There's handle bars for steering and there's tyre tread
for traction
A tiny bell for friends you pass and greet
But when they add my ingenious contraption
Mouths will fall
And eyebrows will rise and staring eyes will meet
The bike complete

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There'll be articles in newspapers and dinners at the
town hall
My first cheque's for a thousand bucks, now that's one
spicy meatball
But all the fame and fortune in the world will not
compare
To the joy it'll bring, piece of metal and a spring
Spring

Now bikes around the world can stand alone without
their owners

And I can get some cash on the side but that's just a
bonus
When underneath their helmets I will see their smiling
faces
What joy it'll bring, piece of metal and a spring
Piece of metal and a spring

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