

The March of AI

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Can we control it to determine our fate
Maybe we're already too bloody late

The Luddites first saw it centuries ago
The machines are coming, don't you know
To take over the world and take our jobs
No wonder that they were an angry mob.

Their jobs they did lose but it could have
been worse
The machines had no brains, could just do
one task
But mathematician Babbage was already
inventing
An adding machine that could do calculating.

But it took a long time, two centuries in fact
Till the secrets of computing, researchers did
crack
And then computers could respond and
assess
Showing which moves to make to beat
humans at chess.

But the computers don't think, unlike man
As Descartes said, "I think therefore I am"
And man has a soul, well some of them do
But a computer is soulless, right or wrong it
don't know.

Artificial Intelligence, known as AI
Is the core of computers, that's all they know
The rules humans give them enable them to
Analyse data and respond right on cue.

Physical robots inside had AI
And many thought there might come a day
When renegade robots would build rules of
their own
And take over society and wear the kings
crown

That hasn't happened but it's perhaps even
worse
You might even call progress a damned
curse
AI invades all parts of our home
Siri, Alexa, and things on your phone

Cause AI comes wirelessly from the cloud
The computers involved, of which some are
proud
Are faceless, anonymous, and we've no idea
If they're created to help us or should be
feared.

The Luddites were right it's coming again
AI will destroy jobs of women and men
It's just like when it happened before
There'll be a big increase in the non working
poor

Can we control it or will it end up
Being a problem that will disrupt
Our fragile societies and planet too
If AI is used by lots of bad dudes.

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