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It was the night before implementation

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Not a program was working, not even a Noun.

The programmers hung by their Noun in despair,

With hopes that a miracle soon would be there.

The users were nestled all snug in their beds,

While visions of inquiries danced in their heads.

When out in the machine room there arose such a clatter,

I sprang from my _____^{Noun} to see what was the matter.

And what to my wondering eyes should appear,

But a super programmer (with a six-pack of beer).

Her resume _____^{Past tense verb} with experience so rare,

She turned out great code with a bit-pusher's flair.

More rapid than eagles, her programs they came,

And she Past tense verb and muttered and called them by name.

On Update! On Add! On Inquiry! On Delete!

On Batch Jobs! On Closings! On Functions Complete!

Her eyes were Past tense verb over, fingers nimble and lean,

From weekends and nites in front of a screen.

A wink of her eye and a twitch of her head,

Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

She spoke not a word, but went straight to her work,

Turning specs into code; then turned with a jerk.

And laying her finger upon the "ENTER" key,

The system came up and worked perfectly.

The updates updated; the deletes, they _____; Past tense verb

The inquiries _____ and closings completed. Past tense verb

She _____ each whistle, and tested each bell, Past tense verb

With nary a bomb, and all had gone well.

The system was finished, the tests were _____ Past tense verb

The users' last changes were even included.

And the user exclaimed with a Verb and a Verb

It's just what I asked for, but not what I want!

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