

# World Inside The Crystal

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Beside the world we live in  
Apart from day and night  
Is a world ablaze with wonder  
Of magic and delight

Like a magic crystal mirror  
My computer lets me know  
Of the other world within it  
Where my body cannot go

R: You can only see the shadows  
Of electrons on a screen  
From the world inside the crystal  
That no human eyes have seen

The computer is a gateway  
To a world where magic rules  
Where the only law is logic  
Webs of words the only tools

Where we play with words and symbols  
And creation is the game  
For our symbols have the power  
To become the things they name

R:

Now you who do not know this world  
Its dangers or it's joys  
You take the things we build there  
And you use them as your toys

You trust them with your fortunes  
Or let them guard your lives  
From the chaos of creation  
Just their final form survives

R:

Call us hackers, call us wizards  
With derision or respect  
Still our souls are marked by something  
That your labels can't affect

Though our words are touched by strangeness  
There is little we can say  
You would only hear the echo  
Of a music far away

R: