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It was the night before implementation

It was the night before implementation and all through the _____ Noun

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 _____ Past tense verb _____ and closings completed.

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

With nary a bomb, and all had gone well.

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

The usersâ?? last changes were even included.

And the user exclaimed with a _____^{Verb}_____ and a _____^{Verb}_____

â??Itâ??s just what I asked for, but not what I want!â??