

# Tough Times

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Slowly, the metal man  
Tried to fix the ceiling fan  
Raised an arm above his head  
Dropped it down, the lights went dead  
Tried to turn them back on  
But then found the light bulbs gone  
Tried to find the other ones  
So he could be finally done  
Which is when  
The fan exploded  
“You’re not a Robot  
You’re a joke!”  
And With That Shout,  
The Owner kicked him Out

It’s hard to be  
A technologically impaired  
Robot.  
Or a Poet  
Without his Muse

