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mankind, before the age of clocks

had just the moon and sun
to mark the time when days were through
and when they'd just begun

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in wintertime, it got too cold
in summertime, too hot
they resisted any kind of urge
to twist things in a knot

.

then mankind got more arrogant
they tried to manage time
by naming bits and chunks of it
to fit their song and rhyme

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just like a gemstone they had found
they cut it up with tools
formed weeks and days and hours
like a little row of jewels

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they coined some terms like "century"
the "decade" and the "year"
then backwards to the "nanosecond"
could things be less clear ?

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alas, mankind won't stand the test
they're mortal by design
that's when their little pile of jewels
are cast back in the mine

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though mankind's tried to carve up time
we know this much is true
when all is said and done
it will be time that carves up you

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