

# Gothic Clockwork Apparatus Man

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i am a jury-rigged juggernaut  
with a mouthful of smoke and shadow...  
an awkward stage between  
glued popsicle stick marsupial  
and mechanical tin foil mammal.  
emergency broadcast system blares on every channel.

grindgrindgrind. chainsaw whale music.

smouldering remnant ember belly;  
lumbering umberhulk engines  
pump piss and vinegar through pistons perfectly.  
exposed nerve clusterfuck combustion eviscerating doohicky;  
tinker gnome haphazard assembly madness spews  
debris and dust. detritus touch.

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i am machine parts. i am flywheels and lightning rods...  
badly arranged wires; mismatched gears and cogs.  
pock-marked boilerplate armour covered  
with steam vents and nefarious geegaw.  
a clunky robot bumper-car sysiphus.

