

THE UPS AND DOWNS OF OAK HMMOCK

There is a current project to fix
Those recalcitrant operators
And finally, breathe new life into
Our twenty-year old elevators

I cannot wait for the adjacent
Elevator renovations to stop
For several weeks it has sounded
Like an automobile repair shop

Whenever the two elevators
Next to me are not operating
I cling tightly to the stair railing
Descending without hesitating

If you happen to get stuck in an
Oak Hammock elevator someday
Let's hope it's a glass one where you can
Watch the sun set at the end of day

The refurbished lifts now talk to us
One day the elevator may say:
"At which floor do you want to exit?"
And "Have a joyful uplifting day"

They could also produce some gentle
Tune to diminish the foreboding
Of the pensive confined passengers
Waiting for the next door opening

It is taking forever to fix
The ten erratic elevators
We will celebrate when they are all
Transformed into smooth operators

Whenever you are down the quiet
And precise changes in altitude
While you are riding these renewed lifts
Should soon elevate your attitude

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