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### **Piggy Bank**

Abby Roberts

If I had a nickel  
for every time someone called me a robot,  
I'd be one of those electronic piggy banks.  
My sole purpose to account for your change;  
Collect your petty cash and make cents of it all.  
I'm tired of a copper-coated mouth,  
and a silver tongue.  
I can think of many things I'd rather do,  
than consume one more thing out of pocket.

I would instead give you a piece of my mind.  
I don't need your two cents  
when you tell me  
my monotone voice  
and careful phrasing  
make me seem robotic.  
You are free to assume what you like,  
but I know my ledger better than you.  
And despite your perception  
I am wealthy with emotions  
that are richly felt.