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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.