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By Ammon Hollister

Gears and cogs grind my bones  
between their metal teeth,  
and drag me into an apparatus  
which strikes sparks in my kerosene blood.  
A steam shriek is all I can release  
as I feel myself breaking inside  
this accidental entrapment.

I hate you. And all the sweet words  
you whisper to me beneath our sheets,  
your breath the only source of oxygen  
when the sweat from our bodies  
clogs my throat. But the bellows of your chest  
still fuels my furnace with each exhale  
as I cling to your body and echo the three words  
I've wrapped around my waist like a chain.