A STREAMLINING CONVERSATION

The company:

Things are changing Jack,
The company is automating
Moving ahead and streamlining
Letting I.T. do the creating

Have you considered retirement?
We think you need a rest
Put your feet up, do some reading
You've done your best

Travel the world or go fishing
Visit a stately pile
Enjoy the time you have left
Live your life in luxury and style

Spend some time in your garden
With that lovely wife of yours
Don't worry about the work
We shall outsource

We really think you should retire
Take foot off the gas and routine
The company is changing beyond recognition
Not at all your scene

We'll make sure you're catered for
You joined us straight from school
But your job is no longer there
We're moving to Hartlepool

The Employee:

This company has been my life
For nearly fifty years
It seems you want to make changes
Others have left in tears

Surplus to your requirements
You're moving North with my job
Surely, I am indispensable
I mean, I know the lot

Of course I could go with you
Some places I'd like to see
I am a man of structure
Anyone who knows me would agree

I suppose I could cut back
Maybe a day here and there
A computer is taking over
It seems you just don't care

So, you want me to read or garden
What do you know of my life
It seems you have forgotten
The sad passing of my wife

For all the years of service
Counts for nothing so it seems
I've never been fishing or lorded the manor
And she only lives in my dreams.