

## Tick Tock, the Clockman Said

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*[The clockmen need to be off to either side of life man. As life progresses, life man should gradually appear older and more world weary. Maybe use of a walking stick late in life would help. Metronome set at 96 bpm]*

Clockman 1 Tick

Clockman 2 Tock

Clockman 1 Tick

Clockman 2 Tock

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Clockman 2 Tock

Clockman 1 Your time

Clockman 2 Is ticking away

Clockman 1 What have you done

Clockman 2 With your life?

Clockman 1 Tick

Clockman 2 Tock

Clockman 1 Tick

Clockman 2 Tock

Life Man I went to school

Clockman 1 And what

Clockman 2 Did you

Clockman 1 Achieve?

Life Man Well I got 12 O-levels, 3 A levels and a degree in financial irregularities [*Man preens with self importance*]

Clockman 1 Did you do

Clockman 2 Anything good

Clockman 1 With your time?

Life Man [*Thoughtful*] I helped with a charity event at college and sometimes gave to street collectors, oh ... and I helped an old lady across the road.

Clockman 1 And what

Clockman 2 About God?

Life Man [*Offhand*] I sometimes went to church with my mum, but it was only to meet the girls and flick things at the preacher.

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Clockman 2 With your life?

**Clockman 1** Tick  
**Clockman 2** Tock  
**Clockman 1** Tick  
**Clockman 2** Tock  
**Life Man** I went to work and got married. [*Looks pleased with himself*]  
**Clockman 1** And what  
**Clockman 2** Did you  
**Clockman 1** Achieve?  
**Life Man** I got on well with my colleagues, did my job as best I could, got promoted, got married in a church, loved my wife, gave her flowers.  
**Clockman 1** Did you do  
**Clockman 2** Anything good  
**Clockman 1** With your time?  
**Life Man** I organised a few raffles, but really I didn't have a lot of time for anything what with DIY, romantic walks, and looking after my career.  
**Clockman 1** And what  
**Clockman 2** About God?  
**Life Man** [*Dismissive, pause between each statement - trying to justify himself to the clockmen*] I didn't have time, I wasn't interested, it wasn't relevant and my wife didn't want to go to church.  
**Clockman 1** Tick  
**Clockman 2** Tock  
**Clockman 1** Tick  
**Clockman 2** Tock  
**Clockman 1** Your time  
**Clockman 2** Is ticking away  
**Clockman 1** What have you done  
**Clockman 2** With your life?  
**Clockman 1** Tick  
**Clockman 2** Tock  
**Clockman 1** Tick  
**Clockman 2** Tock  
**Life Man** [*Wearily - actor should give appearance of an old man*] I retired  
**Clockman 1** And what  
**Clockman 2** Did you  
**Clockman 1** Achieve?  
**Life Man** I don't know, I just get so tired.  
**Clockman 1** Did you do  
**Clockman 2** Anything good  
**Clockman 1** With your time?  
**Life Man** No, not really. Especially now I'm on my own. I don't have the energy. It's as much as I can do to get up some days.  
**Clockman 1** And what  
**Clockman 2** About God?  
**Life Man** No, it's too late for me now. God wouldn't be interested in me. Why would he bother with somebody like me?  
**Clockman 1** Tick

**Clockman 2** Tock  
**Clockman 1** Tick  
**Clockman 2** Tock  
**Clockman 1** Your time  
**Clockman 2** Has ticked away  
**Clockman 1** What have you done  
**Clockman 2** With your life?  
**Clockman 1** Tick  
**Clockman 2** Tock  
**Clockman 1** Tick  
**Clockman 2** Tock  
**Clockman 1** You've thrown it away.  
**Clockman 2** You never had  
**Clockman 1** Time for God  
**Clockman 2** And when you die  
**Clockman 1** God won't have time for you.  
**Clockman 1** Tick  
**Clockman 2** Tock  
**Clockman 1** Tick  
**Clockman 2** Tock

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