

Lambda Bound

[to be sung to the tune of
"Homeward Bound"]

I'm just a little value cell,
And I play my special role so well --

 Hmm --

Serving as a global switch
To predicate some system glitch;
But some strange value -- who knows which? --
Could cause me functions to bewitch!

 Lambda bound!

I wish I was

 Lambda bound!

Bound, so no SETQ's get me;
Bound, so quits will reset me;
Bound, where I can forget my
 Top-level value.

It's hard to catch those system screws:

'Most any value causes me to lose --

 Hmm --

Each atom looks the same to me,
Whose interned name I cannot see,
And every NIL and every T
Reminds me that I long to be

 Lambda bound!

I wish I was

 Lambda bound!

Bound, so no SETQ's get me;
Bound, so quits will reset me;
Bound, where I can forget my
 Top-level value.

Next time I'll have a MAR break set
And try to catch each clobber threat --

 Hmm, mmm --

The next covert attempt to mung
Will cause the MAR break to be sprung,
But then the poor LISP will be hung
Because I'm not as I have sung:

 Lambda bound!

I wish I was

 Lambda bound!

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Bound, so quits will reset me;
Bound, where I can forget my
 Top-level value.

-- The Great Quux
(with apologies to
Paul Simon)

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