

## Dr. Esling, You Gave Me a Chance

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There was a day,  
Back in 1984  
Living with friends,  
We students were poor.

Mike came to our class  
And said there's a job  
In Dr. Esling's  
Phonetics Lab.

I jumped at the chance  
Though I had not a clue  
What kind of work  
Phoneticians do.

On a VT100  
Terminal screen  
Joy Division type spectra  
Were black and green

The tire-sized disks  
That stored all the data  
Loaded into a machine  
The size of a refrigerator

While bewildering at first  
He showed me the way  
To do all the steps  
I was a Junior RA