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A Platonist declares that all is Soul,  
but now we doubt it. Rather, we believe  
in clocks that wind themselves, and Nature too.  
But what makes Nature go? We'd love to know,  
but still we don't. Though answers sometimes  
run their course, some questions last forever.  
But has no one noticed Plato's chosen mode?  
In discourse questions outrank answers  
two to one. So when a Platonist declares  
on any subject, greet him with a question,  
see how well he knows his master's teaching.  
Yet let's not discard a theory for a worse one.  
Ask, who makes the clock? Not I. And then ask: Why?