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On the cover: The opening of promoters to expose the coding DNA strand is the first universal step in gene expression. The crystal structure presented by Feklistov and Darst (pp. 1257–1269) uncovers the molecular details of promoter recognition and the initiation of melting. The authors show that bacterial promoter melting/recognition occurs as two conserved bases are flipped out of the –10 element DNA (TATAAT) and into protein pockets of a subunit of RNA polymerase. The cover photograph depicts the promoter –10 element sequence on the type bars of an old typewriter. The two lifted type bars represent the key bases flipped out of the DNA base stack during promoter recognition. The vintage look of the typewriter bars evokes the realm of prokaryotes and the fundamental yet evolutionary primal mechanism that they use for coding of promoter sequences within the genome.

