

I'm a Physicist and That's Just Fine

I'm a Physicist and that's just fine—
It's much better than a life of crime.
If you really want to see me sneer,
Just imply I'm an engineer.

I fuss with numbers transcendental;
When I was young they called me
 mental.

If it can't be measured, it don't
 exist—

In this here science, that's the gist.
We need evidence, with fame for
 finders.

For spooky things, we've got on
 blinders—

UFOs and ~~GHOSTS~~ and prayer,
Hippies, preachers, tall blue
 hair.

I'm a skeptic, tried and true;
My origin is Cosmic Goo.
I can calculate the odds,
Which, *though Zero*, admit no Gods.

I sit inside and study all day;
My eyes are dim, my skin is gray.
My way with women is legendary—
I'll meet one someday, don't mean
 maybe!

I'm a Physicist and that's just fine—
It's much better than a life of crime.
From Giga to Femto, from Cosmos
 to Quark,
One man's Genius is another man's
 Dork.
If Dork I must be, then Dork I must
 be;
The Answer to Everything is—
 Twenty-three!

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Little Miss Nonfat lyrics

Soprano

Little Miss Little Miss Nonfat
Little Miss Little Miss Nonfat
Little Miss Nonfat sat sat sat sat sat
on her tom cat
sat on her tom cat
sat sat sat sat sat on her tom cat
sat on her tom cat sat on her tom cat
sat on her sat on her sat on her sat on her
sat on her tom cat Splat! Splat! Splat! Splat!

Little Miss Little Miss Little Miss Nonfat tom cat
Little Miss Tom cat Nonfat sat on her Nonfat tom
cat
Born in a manger
Little Miss Tom cat Nonfat sat on her Nonfat tom
cat
Little Miss Tom cat Nonfat sat on her Nonfat tom
cat
eating her soybean tofu
cho too few cho too few

Alcatraz mayhem oom-pah
Alcatraz mayhem poo-bah
Little Miss Percy cat
stranger Percy Percy Grainger
born in born in a manger
sat on her Tom Cat

Spinoza along came along came
along came along came along came Spinoza
noza long long noza beer

along came Spinoza he knew the end was near
he knew the end was near mayhem

hey just leave me alone
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
hey just leave me alone hey just leave me alone
hey just leave me alone hey just leave me alone
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it

Little Miss Little Miss Nonfat
Little Miss Little Miss Nonfat
sat sat sat sat sat on her tom cat
sat on her tom cat
along came Spinoza along came Spinoza
along came
She squashed him with her spoon
she squashed him with her spoon
she squashed him with her spoon
SPLAT!!

Alto

Little Miss Little Miss Nonfat
Little Miss Little Miss Nonfat
Little Miss Nonfat sat sat sat sat sat
on her tom cat
sat on her tom cat
sat sat sat sat oom-pah Percy Grainger
oom-pah poo-bah oom-pah poo-bah
oom-pah poo-bah
sat on her tom cat Splat! Splat! Splat! Splat!

Little Miss Little Miss Nonfat tom cat

Little Miss Tom cat Nonfat sat on her Nonfat
tom cat
Born in a manger
Tom cat Nonfat sat on her Nonfat tom cat
eating her soybean tofu chew tofu
chew tofu
Tom cat Nonfat sat on her Nonfat tom cat
eating her soybean tofu chew tofu chew tofu
cho too few cho too few

Little Miss Alcatraz danger
born in born in a manger
sat on her Tom Cat

along came Spinoza along came along came
along came along came along came Spinoza
long long noza came

along came Spinoza he knew the end was near
he knew the end was near

hey just leave me alone
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
hey just leave me alone
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it

Little Miss Little Miss Nonfat
Little Miss Little Miss Nonfat
sat sat sat sat oom-pah Percy Grainger
oom-pah Percy Grainger
oom-pah poo-bah oom-pah poo-bah oom-pah
She squashed him with her spoon
she squashed him with her spoon
she squashed him with her spoon
SPLAT!!

Tenor

oom-pah oom-pah oom-pah oom-pah oom-pah
oom-pah oom-pah oom-pah poo-bah
oom-pah oom-pah poo-bah oom-pah poo-bah
sat sat sat sat sat on her tom cat
sat on her tom cat
sat sat sat sat sat on her tom cat
sat on her tom cat
sat on her sat on her sat on her
sat on her tom cat Splat! Splat! Splat! Splat!

Percy Percy Percy Grainger
born in a manger
Percy Percy Percy Grainger
born in a manger
Percy born in a manger

cho too few cho too few
a manger eating her manger
born in a manger
sat on her Tom Cat

along came Spinoza along came Spinoza
along came along came
along came along came along came Spinoza
noza long long noza za he smelled of rum and
along came Spinoza he smelled of shame and
fear
along came Spinoza he smelled of rum and
beer
he knew the end was mayhem

hey just leave me alone
hey just leave me alone
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it

oom-pah oom-pah oom-pah oom-pah
oom-pah oom-pah oom-pah poo-bah
oom-pah oom-pah poo-bah
sat sat sat sat sat sat on her tom cat

Spinoza She squashed him with her spoon
she squashed him with her squashed him with
her spoon
SPLAT!!

Baritone

oom-pah oom-pah oom-pah oom-pah oom-pah
oom-pah oom-pah oom-pah poo-bah
oom-pah oom-pah poo-bah oom-pah poo-bah
sat sat sat sat sat on her tom cat
sat on her tom cat
sat sat sat sat sat on her tom cat
sat on her tom cat
sat on her tom cat Splat! Splat! Splat! Splat!

Percy Percy Percy Grainger
born in a manger
Percy Percy Percy Grainger
born in a manger
Percy born in a manger

Little Miss Tom cat Nonfat sat on her Nonfat tom
cat
eating her soybean tofu
Little Miss Tom cat Nonfat sat on her Nonfat tom
cat
eating her soybean tofu chew tofu chew tofu
cho too few cho too few

Percy Grainger born in a manger
nonfat ranger born in a manger
sat on her Tom Cat

along came along came along came along came
along came Spinoza along came Spinoza
along came along came along came along came
along came Spinoza
long noza Spino

along came Spinoza he smelled of shame and
fear
along came Spinoza he smelled of rum and beer
he knew the end was

quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
(etc...)
hey just leave me alone
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it (etc.)
oom-pah oom-pah oom-pah oom-pah (etc.)
sat sat sat sat sat sat on her tom cat

Spinoza She squashed him with her spoon
she squashed him with her squashed him with
her spoon
SPLAT!!

Bass

Oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh
oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh
oom-pah Percy Grainger
oom-pah Percy Grainger
oom-pah Percy Grainger
oom-pah Percy Grainger

sat sat sat sat sat on her tom cat
sat on her tom cat
poo-bah sat on her tom cat
Splat! Splat! Splat! Splat!

oom-pah poo-bah oom-pah poo-bah
oom-pah oom-pah poo-bah

Tom cat Nonfat sat on her Nonfat tom cat
eating her soybean tofu chew tofu chew tofu
Tom cat Nonfat sat on her Nonfat tom cat
eating her soybean tofu chew tofu chew tofu
cho too few cho too few

Percy Grainger born in a manger
tofu mayhem Grainger
sat on her Tom Cat

along came along came along came along
came
along came along came along came along
came
Spinoza along came Spinoza
along came Spinoza along came along came
along came along came along came Spinoza
long noza long along

along came Spinoza he smelled of rum and
beer

Alcatraz

quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it
quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it quit it

Oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh
oh oh oh oh
sat sat sat sat sat sat on her tom cat

Spinoza She squashed him with her spoon
she squashed him with her squashed him with
her spoon
SPLAT!!

Math Class: or, Does the Zero Have Buddha-Nature?™

Soprano

Trig trig trig trig trig trig trig
If f is a function
If g is a function
If h is a func
If I is a function I is a function

Two point seven one eight two eight one
eight two eight one eight five
Three Three point one four one five nine two
six five three five eight nine seven nine
three two three eight
Four, one two and the sum is seven the
sum is seven the sum is seven the sum the
sum
Time for a test!

Miserere nobis miserere miserere nobis
miserere nobis
Time for a test! Time for a test! Time for a
Time for a test! Time for a test!

One from one is One from one is
One from one is
One from one is
One from one

a hole! a hole! a hole! buddhanumba zip a
hole! a hole! buddhanumba One from one is
a Japanese fighter plane Japanese
Japanese fighter plane Answers in the back
of the buddhanumba
zipper Zorro Thoreau Bozo Zulu zebra
zenith Ozone Ozone
tee hee tee hee tee hee tee hee
tahiti tahiti tahiti tahiti ta hi ta hi ta hi ta hi ta
hi ta hi ta hi ta hi

Trig trig trig trig trig trig trig
Add and the world adds with you
Add and the world adds with you
Add and the world adds
Add and the world adds with you
Add and the world adds with you

Alto

Digit digit digit digit
digit digit digit digit
If f is a function
If g is a function
If h is a function
I is a function I is a function

Two point seven one eight two eight one
eight two eight one eight five
Three point Three point one four one five
nine two six five three five eight nine seven
nine three two three eight

Four Four, one two and the sum is seven

Four one two four one two four one two
the sum
Time for a test!

Miserere nobis miserere nobis miserere
miserere nobis nobis
Time for a test! Time for a test! Time for a
test! Time for a test! Time for a test!

One from one is One from one is One from
one is One from one void
buddhanumba zip buddhanumba zip
zipper Zorro Thoreau Bozo Zulu zebra
zenith Zeno Answers in the back of the
book buddhanumba
One from one is an Oh in the Ozone O in
the Oh in the Oh in the Ozone Ozone
ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha
ha ha ha haha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha
ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha
ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha

Digit digit digit digit
digit digit digit digit
Add and the world adds with you
Add and the world adds with you
Add and the world adds with you
Add and the world adds with you
Add and the world adds

Tenor

Answers in the back of the book
Answers in the back of the book
If f is a function
If g is a function
If h is a function
I is a function I is a function

Two point seven one eight two eight one
eight two eight one eight five
Three point one four one five nine two six
five three five eight nine seven nine three
two three eight four six

Four Four, one two and the sum is seven
the sum is seven the sum is seven the
sum the sum
Time for a test! Time for a test!
Time for a test

Miserere nobis miserere nobis miserere
miserere nobis nobis
Time for a test! Time for a test! Time for a
test! Time for a Time for a test! Time for a
test!

One from one is One from one is One from
one a hole! a hole! a hole! buddhanumba
zip a hole! a hole! buddhanumba zip a
hole!
zipper Zorro Thoreau Bozo Zulu zebra
zenith Zeno Answers in the back of the
book
One from one is an Oh in the Ozone Oh Oh
Oh Ozone Ozone

chorkle chorkle chorkle chorkle chorkle
chorkle chorkle chorkle chorkle chorkle
chorkle chorkle chorkle chorkle chorkle
chorkle chorkle ho ho
Add and the world adds with you
Add and the world adds with you
Add and the world adds with you
Add and the world adds with you
Add and the world adds with you
Add and the world adds
Subtract and you subtract alone.

Baritone

Radian radian radian radian
If f is a function
If g is a function
If h is a function
I is a function I is a function

One point six one eight oh three three nine
eight eight
Three point one four one five nine two six
five three five eight nine seven nine three
two three eight four six

Four Four, one two and the sum is seven
Four Four one two, four one two, four one
two, the sum
Time for a test! Time for a test!
Time for a test

Miserere nobis miserere nobis miserere
nobis nobis
Time for a test! Time for a test! Time for a
test! test! Time for a test! Time for a test!

One from one is One from one is One from
one One from one One from one is
nothingness
buddhanumba buddhanumba buddhanumba
buddhanumba One from one is a Japanese
fighter plane Japanese Japanese fighter
plane Answers in the back of the book One
from one is an Oh in the Ozone O in the Oh
in the Oh in the Ozone Ozone
ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho
hoho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho
ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho
ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho
rrr-recap rrr-recap rrr-recap rrr-recap
Add and the world adds with you
Add and the world adds with you
Add and the world adds with you
Add and the world adds with you
Add and the world adds

Bass

Logarithm logarithm logarithm logarithm
logarithm logarithm logarithm logarithm
logarithm logarithm logarithm logarithm
logarithm logarithm logarithm
If I is a function I is a function

One point six one eight oh three three nine
eight eight
Three point one four one five nine two six
five three five eight nine seven nine three
two three eight four six

Four Four, one two and the sum is seven
Four, one two Four one two, four one two,
four one two, the sum
Time for a test! Time for a test!
Time for a test

Miserere nobis miserere nobis miserere
nobis nobis
Time for a test! Time for a test! Time for a
test! Time for a test! Time for a test! Time
for a test!
One from one is One from one One from
one buddhanumba buddhanumba
buddhanumba buddhanumba One from
one is a Japanese fighter plane Japanese
Japanese fighter plane buddhanumba
buddhanumba zipper Zorro Thoreau Bozo
buddhanumba buddhanumba
buddhanumba buddhanumba
ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho
ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho
ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho
hoho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho
ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho
ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho

Logarithm logarithm logarithm logarithm
logarithm logarithm logarithm logarithm
logarithm logarithm logarithm logarithm
logarithm logarithm logarithm
Add and the world adds with you
Add and the world adds with you

What I Hear After Submitting a Score

Solo: Well-versed in matters Physical,
Your attitude is Mystical.
We cannot play without some Pay
That, or your left Testicle.

Chorus: We cannot play without some
Pay
That, or your left Testicle.

Solo: With claims to be Devotional,
Your morals are Contortional.
We cannot play without some Pay
And also Tips, proportional.

Chorus: We cannot play without some
Pay
And also Tips, proportional.

Solo: In Theory you're a dumb-dumb;
A Doctorate you have none.
We cannot sing without that thing
Called Money, in a lump sum.

Chorus: We cannot sing without that
thing
Called Money, in a lump sum.

Solo: Your Music has no Power;
Your face is set to glower.
You've been to jail,
You're going to fail—
You really need a shower!

Chorus: You've been to jail,
You're going to fail—
You really need a shower!

Solo: You sometimes write for Trumpet;
You'd rather have a Strumpet.
We have your Score,
Now pay some more
Or we shall surely dump it.

Chorus: We have your Score,
Now pay some more
Or we shall surely dump it.

Solo: You want a pity party;
Your counterpoint is sorry;
You wear a frown,
You're zipper's down

Where is your Check? It's tardy!
Chorus: You wear a frown,
You're zipper's down
Where is your Check? It's tardy!

Solo: No funding is your excuse;
Your Music can find no use.
It's as we feared,
You're just too weird—
Your Score is in the Refuse!

Chorus: It's as we feared,
You're just too weird—
Your Score is in the Refuse!

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Performance notes

At the end of the piece, the conductor should hold his/her nose and dump the score into a wastebasket.

All accidentals hold through the measure and not beyond, and do not apply to octaves.

When notes below low E are written for the Double Basses, I include a complimentary note an octave up to be played by those without extensions.

I wrote rather thick orchestration behind the baritone soloist, with the assumption that high-quality amplification would be used. In the case of very small numbers of singers for the chorus, these singers also may be amplified.

In the case that a chamber performance is preferred, Strange Songs can be performed with the vocal score and its two-piano accompaniment, or with the version for piano quintet and singers.