

Mad Scientist (Talkin' Nerdy)

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Is it just me, or is it incredibly sexy
When someone expresses intellect effortlessly?
I met Lesley at a party, she's a post-doc
She rejects any explanation that's post-hoc
All I could think was, "Aw, she's so nice"
As she talked about her work on alder phenotypes
With CO2 levels experimentally elevated
I felt elated, like "what an incredible lady!"
But then I got all forward and said I wanted more of it,
And she called my enthusiasm a false correlate
And then I felt all subordinate, so I stepped away
And then later I met Dave, Lesley's ex-
Sex slave, he explained; how embarrassing
He told me "Spiders engage in alloparenting
And a homologous molecule to oxytocin predicts it"
And then he split to go babysit Lesley's kids

The mad scientist
He's talkin' nerdy to me

I'm walkin' through the party lookin' for a brainy lady
When I run into Marty who studies same-sex mating
He's talkin' about the "homophobic paradox"
Which occurs in places like conservative America
Basically, if you suppress the gay scene
You get more babies born with gay genes
'Cause you force them into hetero marriages
Where they breed a pair of kids, just to keep up appearances
I said, "Damn, that's chickens coming home to roost
For sanctimonious homophobic prudes"
And I think my word usage got Marty's juices flowin'
But I was trying to use it to seduce a woman
So I excuse myself instead of leading him on
Peacock feathers I'm proceeding to flaunt
'Cause I gotta be lyrically fly if I choose
To pursue only women with the highest IQs

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Is it a personal fetish or a universal preference
To get thrills from seven-syllable words in a sentence?
Presented unpretentiously, even carelessly
I get titillated interdisciplinarily
So you can find me chillin' at a research institute
Conducting interviews in an impish mood
I met Sue at a conference, she's into modelling
Genetic trees, and species phylogenies
She swept me off my feet, I got wrapped up
In bed she recited a long list of taxa
Until I cracked up, and said: "It's sadistic
To put so much emphasis on cladistics
It's twisted!" But she was arrogant
She said: "Tell it to the genes that you share with chimps
And not with me" And she drifted off to sleep
I guess nerdy talking' isn't all sexy