

Certainty

If there's one thing I'm sure of beyond any doubt
It's that learning experiences never run out
Each time when it seems that we've found a new rule
There soon come exceptions to challenge that tool

With only our eyes, what we saw showed us that
We lived on a world that was perfectly flat
Perhaps at the ocean you might see a curve
But challenging "fact" takes a whole lot of nerve

With his new telescope Galileo had tried
But those "in the know" just claimed he had lied
From Newton to Einstein our knowledge had grown
With updated rules for all that we've known

Then Quantum mechanics appeared on the scene
With particles where they should never have been
Or not where they were just an instant ago
And likelihood's all that they're able to show.

Did you hear that everything: energy, things
Consists of the tiniest vibrating strings?
We've looked to the stars and blown atoms apart
And still what we know is merely a start

Every answer that's found just raises new queries
To further explore and develop new theories
Even practical fact's just a moment that's gone
A snapshot in time when the world has moved on

With a photo we capture the what, when and how
But there's no way to know the why even now
But why's most important when judging an act
And what we have proof of is little in fact

So beware all those whose certainty shines
In innocence or out of tightly closed minds
What they'll have taken as absolute proof
Is a limited sample of ultimate truth

To think is to wonder, knowledge breeds doubt
Only fools will believe they've worked it all out
They'll claim to have made an enlightened decision
But are only revealing their limited vision

Wisdom knows limits and though it seems odd
Real truth is the province of no man but God
Except for His gift of our all-seeing eye -
A conscience to watch what we do and know why

This little black box records every act
And there's no denying it holds all the facts
Throughout all our lives the evidence mounts
For when we are called and called to account