

Statistical Humor

A Wedding Toast

Ode to Linda and Gavin

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It may surprise you both to know,
Something that will set your hearts aglow.
You can actually use your knowledge of statistics,
To keep your love for each other realistic.
Your material gains will be collinear and sharable
And you'll be blessed with many dependent variables
Significant differences are exciting to find at work,
But at home they should be an occasional quirk.
Remember only justice enables love to endure
But when acting with equity remains demure
So remember Neimann-Pick's errors type 1 and 2
Always consider your spouse's point of view.
If divisive problems come on the scene
Remember to always regress to the mean.
Never think in terms of what is yours and mine
Smooth out your differences with a cubic spline.
If you encounter troubles in your path,
Remember the things that make you laugh.
Then the hazards will be in proportion
So you can smile at life's distortion.
If controversy should somehow set you awry
You should aim to keep your kappa high
Remember agreement at home should be the norm,
Then your marriage'll be smooth as an English lawn.

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