

# A Relativist General

I am the very model of a relativist general.  
I've information metrical, temporal and Riemannical  
I know the laser wave detectors and those cryogenical  
From end to end of vacuum tube at GEOs site  
Germanical.

I'm very well acquainted, too, with matters  
mathematical  
I understand the diffEQs, both linear and quadratical.  
About the black hole spacetime I am teeming with a  
lot of news  
With many cheerful facts about the metric that I ought  
to use.

*CHORUS: With many cheerful facts about the metric  
that I use,  
With many cheerful facts about the metric that I use,  
With many cheerful facts about the metric that I ought  
to, ought to use.*

I'm very good at Fortran and at problems  
computational.  
I know the tricks to program all computers super  
digital.  
In short, in matters physical or astro-gravitational  
I am the very model of a relativist general.

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I know the way to write proposals aimed at funding  
agencies  
And padding all the budgets so I travel o'er the seven  
seas.  
I've worked with John and Cliff and Nils and hordes  
from LIGOs LSC  
I need them all to do the work to get my name in PRD

And Karsten and his techno pals are running GEO just  
for me  
A Nobel prize is in the cards if waves would just hit  
Germany  
But all those crazy signals yet are nothing but a noisy  
sea  
But if we're lucky, we will know that these are waves  
of gravity.

*CHORUS: But if we're lucky, we will know of waves of  
gravity.  
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But if we're lucky, we will know of waves of gravi-  
waves of gravity.*

At AEI I have an empire good as ITP or CERN  
Except my co-Directors thwart my brilliant moves  
at every turn  
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A general must have a life and I am not exceptional  
With Sian and girls I have a home that's homey  
and tranquillic  
I'm proud to say that all my clan is really rather  
musical,  
But dealing with 4 babes could drive a fella kind of  
crazical.

I plan to work forever doing astrophysics till I drop  
I'll be at LISA's launch in 2050 if they prop me up,  
I'll keep repeating G-mew-noo is T-mew-noo and  
never stop  
But if retirement hits me. I've the Gravitones to  
back me up.

*CHORUS: And if retirement hits me. I've the  
Gravitone back-up,  
And if retirement hits me. I've the Gravitone back-  
up,  
And if retirement hits me. I've the Gravitones to  
back me back me up,*

I'm very good at normal modes of neutron stars  
rotational.  
My fame's secure except for lack of data  
observational.  
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