

PT Goodbye

To Carl Bender on the occasion of his
approximate 65th birthday, March 27, 2009

This day and age we're living in
Give cause for apprehension
With all his strange expansions
In 2 + D dimensions.

Yet we get a trifle weary
With Mr. Bender's theory.
So we'll do a Fat-Duck meal
one time

Blow wads, relieve the tension.
No matter what bizarreness
Of quanta he may prove
The simple facts of life are such
They cannot be removed....

You must still conjugate
H dagger's still an H,
A Psi is just a Psi.
The fundamental rules apply:
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He learned from T. T. Wu
H is H dagger, too
Yet this he did defy.
We're tired of what his weird
mind brings
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Sidney and Julian,
Turning in their graves
Once he was normal,
Now PT makes him rave
Meetings abound,
To train his PT slaves
On whom he must rely

He hawks this same old story
His path to fame and glory
A paper a month or die.
No welcome to an H that's
complex
PT goodbye!

Adjoint and transpose
Never out of date.
Give me old Erwin
This new stuff I hate.
Psi star needs Psi
A ket must have its mate
That no one can deny.

He hawks this same old story
His path to fame and glory
A paper a week or die.
Say phooey to an H that's complex
PT goodbye!

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