

These grants of mine

(To the tune of Sweet Caroline)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzXt7YvK9Hw

doo-do-doo, doo-do-doo, doo-do-do-do-doo
doo-do-doo, doo-do-doo, doo-do-do-do-dood
oo-do-doo, doo-do-doo ... doo doo

Where it began, I can't begin to remember
But yes, I know, my proposal is strong
Submit in the spring
Resubmit in the autumn
I couldn't believe it would take so long

Drafts, second drafts, final drafts,
for-funding me, for- funding you

These grants of mine
(Doo, doo, doo)
I never thought I'd have so few
I've been declined
(Doo, doo, doo)
Even when I have had
No bad ree-views

I'm up through the night, writing my pathways
to impact
Do NERC-know the impact they have on me?
And then I submit
And all I can do is to marvel
At just how persua-sive I can be

Reviews, more reviews, daft reviews
Reviewing me, reviewing you

These grants of mine
(Boo, hoo, hoo)
I never thought I'd have so few
I can't score a 9
(Boo, hoo, hoo)
Even when I have had
No bad ree-views

An email arrives, it's one I can't bear to open
Cos' I know for sure what it will say
But what do I care?, why do I need such
funding?
I'd rather do science all day

Reject, hard reject, cruel reject,

Rejecting me, rejecting you

These grants of mine
(Boo, hoo, hoo)
I never thought I'd have so few
I'd be surprised
(Boo, hoo, hoo)
If I ever managed
To get one through!

doo-do-doo, doo-do-doo, doo-do-do-do-doo
doo-do-doo, doo-do-doo, doo-do-do-do-do
boo-hoo, boo hoo hoo