

Probability Man

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Music: Bob Dylan ("Tamborine Man")

Hey Probability Man, flip a coin for me,
I don't study and I never really learned how to.
Hey Probability Man, roll those dice for me,
As you're walking to your classroom I'll come following you.

Help me take the steps to compute a *cdf*,
Calculate a *pmf*, to derive an *mgf*,
and take limits from the left, just learning terms
won't help my understanding.
How hard can it be to integrate a density,
or to calculate a mean, or infer what is not seen,
I promise to learn Calculus.

Hey Probability Man, pick a card for me,
I don't study and I never really learned how to.
Hey Probability Man, spin that wheel for me,
As you're walking to your classroom I'll come following you.

My memory is gone when the process is Poisson,
Or even Gaussian; my transforming is undone
With the wrong Jacobian, my mind's made up,
I need to understand you.
Teach me all you know, teach me now I cannot wait
to learn how to correlate, or when one should integrate,
I want to learn everything.

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