

R01s and R15s

They all ask for incredible things

Innovation, Budgets, Scope

Saw that call for submissions:

could it be

Would they be swayed?

Will this work, so I get paid?  
Funding science is never the  
same...

NIH or NSF

I could make it work either way

All I'd need to do is change

One or two references to

Medicine or health for one

To basic science; then I'm done

Camouflage is my best friend

Cause darling I'm a programmer

dressed like a scientist

So it's gonna be for five years  
Or it's gonna go down in  
flames

The Republicans in Congress  
Can largely take that blame

Got my cup of Starbucks Coffee  
And maybe I'm insane,  
Cause you know I love the science  
And they love the game

Not as young as I once was  
I've seen this all before  
But I'm feeling really tempted  
Maybe I'll submit once more  
Got my cup of Starbucks coffee  
Don't you ever say I can't,  
Cause I got a blank screen baby,  
And I'll write this grant.

# Introduction

## Specific Aims

Tools that, when built, will make a splash  
Where we're going, where we've been  
But since they're the ones with the cash:  
Find out what they want  
Be that lab for a month  
But the worst is yet to come (oh no):

Screaming, crying, when I send  
This out to others to review  
Did I really need that aim?  
Change the line width on Figure 2  
That table is much too plain;  
that explanation's too arcane  
You overpromise what you'll attain  
Guess I'll make my post docs work  
through the weekends



So it's gonna be for five years  
Or it's gonna go down in flames  
If the panel leaves it unscored  
I might have to change my name  
Got my cup of Starbucks coffee  
You'll tell me I'm insane  
Cause you know I love the science  
But I hate this game!

Cause I try to work with standards  
But I'm afraid that they won't  
understand  
I'm not out there curing cancer  
I'm just doing what I can  
Got my cup of Starbucks coffee  
Don't you ever say I can't,  
Cause I got a blank screen baby,  
And I'll write this grant.

[Bridge]

Panels only give ones under torture  
Don't say I didn't say I didn't warn ya  
Panels only give ones under torture  
Don't say I didn't say I didn't warn ya

So it's gonna be for five years,  
Or you'll send your best regards  
You can tell me when it's over  
If renewal's in the cards  
Got my soybean Starbucks latte  
You'll tell me I'm insane  
Cause you know I love the science  
But I hate this game!

Not as young as I once was  
I've seen this all before  
But I'm can't rely on tenure  
I hate teaching that much more  
Got my triple venti caramel macchiato  
Don't you ever say I can't,  
Cause I got a blank screen baby,  
And I'll write this grant.