

Ode to the Cavendish

We hear, dear Chris, this year you lack a verse,
A grave injustice we could not abide,
We write to you, therefore, to this confide,
The parts of Cav to which we weren't averse.
To start the buildings' colours could be worse,
One grey without and greyer grey inside,
But more, the conversation thus provide-
-ed over coffee, tea and cake diverse.

Chris Haniff's been a very naughty boy¹,
But lovely Helen organised us all,
To tackle pitch black labs without a qualm,
John Ellis – do you see? – said “punts ahoy!”²
The Cav has many people dear and droll,
And like a quark is strange but has a charm.

'The Poets' - Aaron Smith and Elle Wyatt

¹ “I’ve been a very naughty boy” – Haniff (2018), on why he was made to lecture 1B Experimental Methods.

² The time John Ellis told us, with the best intentions, that we could all go punting for two weeks before 1A exams and it would make no meaningful difference to our marks....