

A long, long time ago
I can still remember how all the science used to make me smile
But I knew if I had my chance to help the students so that hence
Maybe they'd be happy for a while
But February made me shiver
If every paper they'd deliver
Meant bad news on the doorsteps
I couldn't take one more step
I can't remember if I tried
And read about genes and peptide
But something's touching me inside
Today we solemnize

So try, try, it is easy as pie
Come back to Göttingen and show us your science
Them good old Molbios and Neuros say hi
Singin' "This'll be the day we aim high
This'll be the day we aim high"

Did you read the book of Kandel, and do you have faith in Neher and Hell
If your PI tells you so?
Now do you believe in rock and roll, can science save your mortal soul?
And can you teach me how to sequence a gene real slow?
Well, we know that you're in love with it
'Cause we saw you dancin' in the lab
The mice kicked off their shoes
Man, they dig their litter and blues
I was a lonely teenage office clerk
When I came here trying you to perk
But I know today we're all real jerks
And today we solemnize

And we start singin': Try, try, it is easy as pie
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Now after fifteen years no longer on our own, no moss grows fat on a rollin' stone
And that is how it's going to be
When the speakers talk for our kings and queens in a lecture hall full of peans
And a voice that came from Mirja and me
Oh, and while the sun is going down
More graduates are fully grown
All meetings now adjourned
Our alumni have returned!
And while some people are here and hark
Some students practice in the park
And we sing hymns now in the dark
And today we solemnize

We're all singin': Try, try, it is easy as pie
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