

Persistence (unfinished)

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Recently I was told
That persistence is the main virtue if soon a Phd you want to hold.

Now let me tell you a little anecdote
On persistence and my first paper's story, data, and program code.

Well, I started working eagerly
On an empirical application of a brand new methodology.

But soon I had to realize
That its implementation took not a few, but rather numerous tries.

At last I got it done feeling quite selected
Until I realized that my results were not exactly what I had expected!

Hard times followed full of despair:
Why me? Why my paper? How can life be so cruel, so deeply unfair?

During a night full of mourning and worry,
After three glasses of champagne, I finally buried my story.

While at the same time a new idea
Grew in my head and thinking it over and over became quite clear:

Who needs results that match a story,
If a story that matches the results can lead you quite as well to glory?

The methodology will stay the same
I'll keep the base line, but alter the paper's reasoning and aim.

To be finished?