Hello, my name is Larry Lesser I am glad I'm your professor Yes I can rhyme, I'm sometimes cool Since 2004, I've been at this school Let me back up and fill you in on all the places I have been grew up in Houston, ain't that nice? Went to public schools, then college at Rice. There I chose to major in math Plus music and philosophy were part of my path. Then Austin for grad school at UT Statistics master's, then ABD, Actuary exams, then working for the state As a statistician on voting rates But my teaching helped me see Education was the calling for me So I switched fields to math education That's where I wrote my dissertation So, to me, your reasoning matters gives my research questions and answers taught in Colorado and Georgia, too Then taught 2 years in a Houston high school So when I returned to higher ed I had experience to add to what I'd read don't wanna brag or make you bored, But my teaching's won awards And my links to music and lottery trends reached TV, radio, even CNN! gotta lotta projects on my front and back burners Like stats education for English language learners I've written grants, papers and books I've edited journals, you can take a look My website really goes all through it And Googling my name takes you right to it I love nature, my family and dogs and write poems and songs I play guitar a little 'bout me Thanks for learning May our class touch your life beyond a degree!