

# Color me physics

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Copernicus, he was the one  
Proved the Earth goes round the sun

"Don't you see," he said, "it's clear  
Earth goes round in just one year."

Galileo was no dope  
Looking through his telescope

He would be a whole lot stupider  
Not to see the moons of Jupiter

Newton, underneath a tree,  
Said "I think that gravity

Makes the moon go round and  
round,  
Pulls sweet apples to the ground."

Franklin said " it isn't frightening,  
To go outside and study lightning."

To his kite he tied a key  
And found electricity.  
(Don't try this at home!)

Bouchet's father, once a slave,  
To his son ambition gave

As a physicist, Bouchet  
For the others paved the way.

Men said women can't do science  
--Marie Curie showed defiance.

She was not afraidy 'um;  
She discovered radium.

Einstein said "It's plain to me  
Mass can change to energy."

Using energy to shine,  
Stars get lighter all the time.

Fermi built the first reactor  
Which was an important factor

Running things efficiently  
With atomic energy.

Maria Mayer worked with Jensen\*  
And they both put their 2 cents in

It all turned out well, of course--  
They explained the nuclear force.

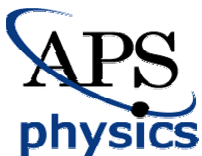
Feynman said "Watch me, I am  
Drawing one fine diagram.

Simple figures just like these  
solve atomic mysteries.

\*J. Hans Jensen, nuclear physicist

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