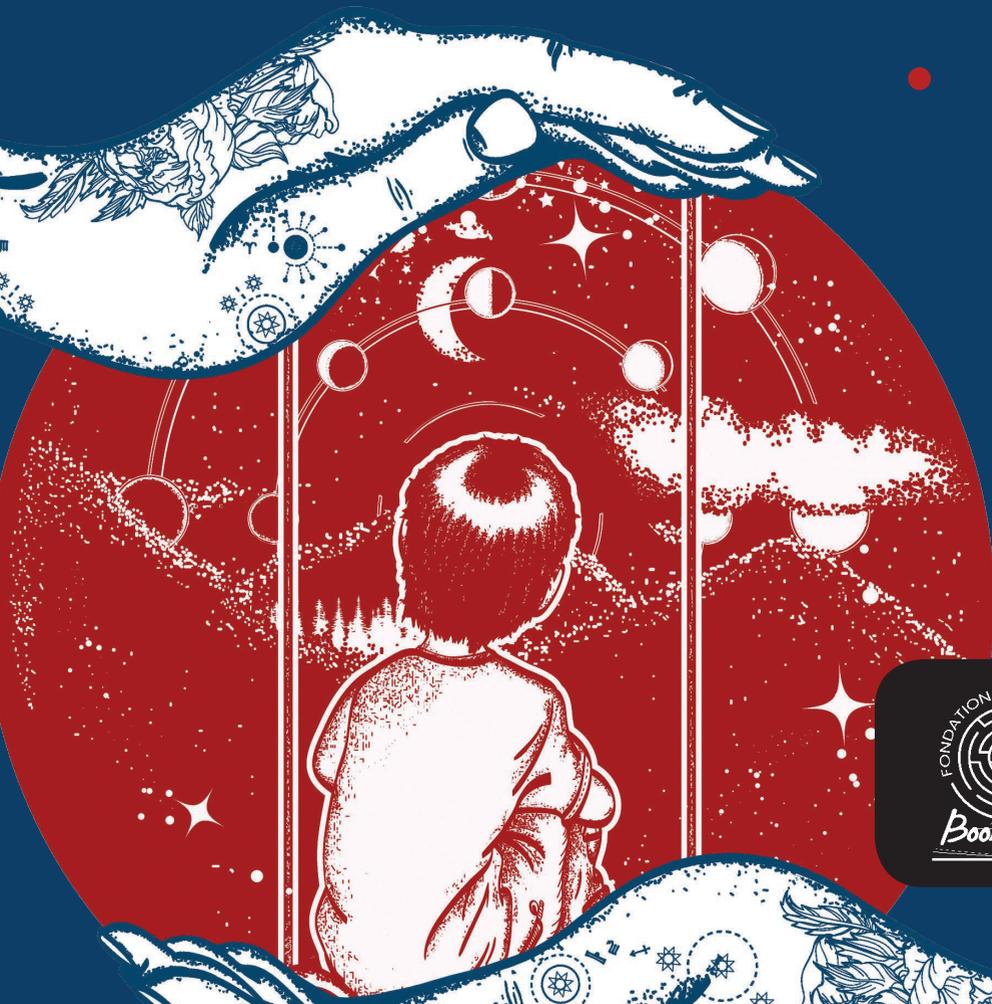


# My Science

# Project

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“I came out of a supermarket in central Washington DC and a man in dark clothes asked if I wanted to buy a street paper from him. The vendors of such papers are often homeless or surviving on minimal income. I asked the man if the paper was any good and he replied, “I wrote one of the poems.” I bought the paper and read the poem called, the Tree of Life. I was so moved that I traveled the streets of Washington for 2 days to find the vendor again. When I found him, I asked the poet Mr Ron Dudley if he would write a book of science poetry for Fondation Ipsen. Mr Dudley’s perspective on science is unique, and it is a privilege for Fondation Ipsen to bring this book to you.”

James A. Levine, MD, PhD, Professor  
Fondation Ipsen, President







## What is Science?

What is science, is science the the cure?  
Is science the cure for all disease and war?  
Is science the cure for all this poverty  
I use science, try not to let it bother me

What if science was the cure for prostitution and pimping?  
Know more disrespecting, just protecting his women  
And protecting his children and protecting his home  
Science made me grow up, now science I'm grown

Ready to be father to the universe science imma put you first  
If science was fake, would people start dying all over the place?  
But we know science is real.  
We need science, 'cause we know life can be harder than steel

What is science? It's what I eat, sleep and drink  
What is science? It's what I sleep, dream, and think  
What is science? It's the fuel in a jet  
What is science? The reason that I didn't get wet

What is science? It's mathematics, it's history  
Science, it's "Star Wars," a trilogy  
Science, it's social media and data points  
Science, it's alcohol and fat old joints

What is science? It's motorcycles and fast cars  
Science: spaceships and NASA  
What is science? Airplanes and submarines  
Science: cell phones and new machines

Science: French fries and onion rings  
Science: we use corn on almost everything  
Science is the sunshine on a rainy day  
Science is in your blood, it's in your DNA.





*They say you were born with a number  
You gonna die with a number  
It's hard to live through the winter  
Hard to survive through the summer*

*Any day can be the day that the clock stop ticking  
My therapist died when he stop paying attention  
A murderer, a killer, prayed to God for his freedom  
I guess he prayed so much one day they finally freed him*

*What is a brain without heart?  
What is a heart without a brain?  
What is blood without a stain?  
What is lost without a gain?*

*See, it's a code, it's a pattern with nature and balance  
See, I was told I was slow and mentally challenged  
I was told I would never accomplish a thing  
I was told would always amount to nothing*

See, zero is still a number on this lottery ticket  
I mastered the code of science when I finally hit it  
I guess God answers questions in mysterious ways  
God, please give me science for the rest of my days.



The logo features a large, stylized blue letter 'R' on the left. Inside the 'R', there is a circular emblem containing the text 'I AM REAL' and 'SCIENCE'. To the right of the 'R', the words 'Real Science' are written in a blue, serif font.

Real science  
I feel like a ghetto lab rat  
Real science  
My favorite teacher had a bad habit  
Real science  
She was a victim of the system  
Real science  
She had an opioid addiction  
Real science

Now it's heroin and fentanyl

Real science

She was teaching when I seen her fall

Real science

Now it's K2 with like a million strands

Real science

We use to march to save a million mans

Real science

Now it's Twitter and Instagram

Real science

Oh how they could kill a man

Real science

Now it's Black groups and white groups

Real science

Hate groups and fight groups

Real science

I was on my way to work

Real science

Now the police wanna purge

Real science

Now the police cruise

Real science

Now the police wanna shoot

Real science

They say the warrant wasn't for me  
Real science  
But the bullets were waiting for me  
Real science  
Now that's scary a\*\* s\*\*\*  
Real science  
When police shoot and don't frisk  
Really, they don't miss  
Real science.



Science & Addiction

She addicted to Percocet and Adderall  
All I need is to be alive, and my Tylenol  
She addicted to starting trouble and lying  
I'm addicted to telling the truth and trying

She addicted to cocaine and other things:  
Zyban, Xanax methamphetamines  
She addicted to breaking up and sending crazy texts  
We addicted to making up and having crazy sex

She addicted calling my phone and hanging up  
I guess great sex ain't even enough  
She addicted to fake things and fake people  
Sometimes when I look I just see pure evil

Why am I so addicted to this crazy lady?  
If her tubes wasn't tied we'd have a crazy baby  
'Cause both of us sick  
I ask my therapist if I can get a pill; Shit.





ove & Science

I fell in love  
With the smartest woman that I ever met  
She so smart, she bright  
Like the sun and moonlight

She's a woman, she's a lady  
She's a mom and daddy's baby  
She read books, she like sports  
We a team we a force

I met her in science class  
We dissected a frog  
Then we took it to the river  
Let float on a log

Then we filled up a balloon full of air  
With a message  
It said "I love you, Baby"  
I hope one day that you get it

Science was the energy  
That brought us together  
That's why it's easy to say  
"I love you forever and ever"

We use to watch the stars  
Just to see if they fall  
Then we'd watch our favorite movie:  
"Love and Basketball"

Then we turned down the light  
Made love and I kissed you g'night  
Woke you up for one more round  
Now you pregnant and we the talk of the town

My science in her belly  
Girl, you so amazing  
They say we having twins  
Two times the amazement

We fell in love in church on an Easter Sunday  
Think I found your egg on an Easter Monday  
I still got the same egg that I protect with my life  
We fell in love then I made you my wife  
Love and science.



## Political Science

Politicians, they wanna start wars  
This my land, why they wanna take yours?  
Money and power is the only reason we at war  
But terrorism is what they feed to the poor

If this land is your land and this land is my land  
From California to the New York island  
Why does the government own it?  
Give poor people a recession give rich people a bonus

Politicians, they so political it's pitiful  
Now they say the war is digital:  
We can all die by one man and one button.  
One man with too much power is a nuclear oven

Welcome to political science  
Where you gotta be a demon to join this evil alliance  
They made him a terrorist 'cause he tweeted stupid shit  
Took him off the dark web then put him on the black list

We use to be human  
Now politicians treat us like the shit that we poopin'  
They put a chip in my guts  
So one day when I'm peeing  
Boom there goes my nuts

Damn these politicians.



**M**ad Scientist

I'm the Black Albert Einstein  
But in the dark I'm like Frankenstein  
In the day I try to seek and find  
Why is science always on my mind?

I was born with the gift to think  
When I was three I taught a shrink  
When I was ten I shocked and saved a man  
The tree of life helped me save the land

When I was twelve I patented all the air  
Invaded science at a science fair  
When I turned twenty I bought all the water  
Started a scientific new world order

Is science really God?  
Or are science and God two peas in a pod?  
Is science the reason the virgin Mary had Jesus?  
Is science the reason the devil tryin'a be us?

Is science the reason for religion in the church?  
Is science the real reason for Jesus Christ's birth?  
Is science really a miracle?  
Science higher than spiritual

Science feed me these minerals  
Science feel me with energy  
Science give me the remedy  
Science make them remember me

Science give the power  
Science gave me the strength to devour  
I know science can be tragic  
They say it must be black magic

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They gave us gonorrhea, herpes, syphilis, and AIDS  
Homelessness and minimum wage  
They raped our women and took ours kids  
Don't get mad, it is what is

You probably thinking  
I'm just tryin'a be Black  
I'm an African-American  
what's Blacker than that?

I'm that black frying pan  
In your grandmother's kitchen  
I'm the one that they hung  
We the ones that there lynching

They say Willie Lynch had a plan\*  
To separate the Black man  
To keep us dumb and confused

I seen another Black man on the news  
If I see another Black women on the stand...  
Child support is worse than the Ku Klux Klan  
They give us alcohol, drugs, and fake sneakers  
Rock Creek sodas to kill us, and fake leaders

Fake teachers and fake schools  
Fake preachers who break rules  
They give us food stamps and fake money  
If I forget to re-apply, they take it from me

\* The William Lynch Letter is a speech, proven to be fake, that is presented as guidelines proclaimed by a slave owner in the 1700s about how to control slaves by setting them against one another.

They talking reparations: forty acres and a mule  
Like I'mma fool. Just build some better schools  
Give me my family you can keep the cash  
Forty acres and a mule, you keep the ass.



We're scientific children I'm a scientific child  
Put me in the forest, I go scientific wild  
We don't watch cartoons  
We take trips to the moon  
I told my mom and dad by but I'll be home soon  
I'm a scientific kid, the scientist loves my brain  
The doctors couldn't understand why I love my pain  
We don't play chest, we play Chinese checkers  
Then write jokes to get rid of the hecklers  
I'm a scientific child, I got a high IQ  
Anything I wanna try, you know I do

I predicted 911 when I was five  
I'm the reason why a lot of my people still alive  
I do things that mad scientist hate  
Like take away sins and leave food at the gate  
I'm a scientific child, I swim laps in the Nile  
I saw Forrest Gump running when I swim past the green mile  
They tried to take away my brain but I resisted  
Gave the mark of the beasts but I forget it  
They tried to shoot me with drugs but needle exploded  
This kid got too much power that what a genius just quoted  
I'm a scientific child, I choose good over evil  
But life don't even matter  
I would die for my people science.





Last night I was dreaming  
I woke up screaming  
My boxers full of cieman  
This dream I will never forget  
Yes, yes, it was the best  
It was like the ocean  
And the rivers in the sea  
It was so wet that now I gotta pee  
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## Science is the Key

When you hear the sound from a piano  
You know that science was the key  
When you hear the sound from the organ In church  
You know that science was the key

When you hear the sound from a violin in an orchestra  
You know that science was the key  
When you feel that drum beat speed up your heart  
You know that science was the key

When you hear birds chirp in the morning  
You know that science was the key  
When you see a caterpillar turn into a butterfly  
You know that science was the key

When the rocket ship landed on the moon  
You know that science was the key  
When your car started up without a key

You know that science was the key  
When the virgin Mary had a kid without sex  
They know that science was the key

When a man overdoses on heroin and dies  
but gets shocked back to life  
You know that science was the key  
When you hear autotune in your music  
You know that science was the key

When you get HIV and you live  
You know that science was the key  
When a drone delivers your mail  
You know that science was the key  
When you cook your food in a microwave oven  
You know that science was the key  
Whenever you recycle  
You know that science was the key

When diabetics take their insuline  
You know that science was the key  
When you see a Smart car  
You know that science was the key

If you see a dumb genius  
You know that science was the key  
When the Titanic sunk  
You know that science was the key

When you see a boat float  
You know that science was the key  
When you see a car fly  
You'll know that science was the key

When you look through a telescope  
You know that science was the key  
When turn on your TV  
You know that science was the key

When you listen to your radio  
You know that science was the key  
When we finally got a Black president  
You know that science was the key

What would this world be like without elements?  
You know that science is the key.



**M**y Science Project

This my science project  
Right now, I need science  
To help get out the projects  
I live in the ghetto  
Where next door neighbors  
They don't even say "Hello"

The hood is a mess  
Where it's hard to think about life  
When people worry to death  
My son turning five  
I just pray to God  
That we both be alive

The streets can be crazy  
I seen a man kill a baby and a lady  
Over a maybe.  
I seen the prettiest women  
Lie, kill — even steal  
From their children

Are we the science project?  
Stuck in the past  
Still haven't made no progress  
They say we live in the slums  
Where everybody bums  
Why they keep giving us guns?

We thought drugs was the answer  
Until our mother died  
The drugs gave her the cancer  
Abortion clinics and planned parenthood  
Why they wanna eliminate my manhood?  
I believe in a woman's right to choose  
But when babies die that's when I get confused

His baby mama got an abortion for views  
That's when everybody lose  
'Cause life is a graduation so amazing  
Life is a holiday, a celebration  
But they taught us to hate it  
He tried and tried, but still never made it  
Life told him enough is enough

This my science project  
I told him, "**Never give up.**"





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