

PhD a short journey so long.

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CAS Letter in view; was interviewed; proposal had been approved
Cash in hand, room not viewed, visa is alright, flights all booked
To alight in Manchester; next route to Huddersfield
PhD; I thought: what a height; attain it and be fulfilled.
Such was the start of a short journey so long

The journey my friends, even with scholarships, hasn't been so smooth
With PG cert; philosophy and big words kinda cute,
The library, the weary nights and soon the progression report.
Oh how I thought of the crown but did I count the cost?
Such was the first stage of a short journey so long

Is this right for me? That feeling when unsure in the first year!
Thanks to pgrskills, friends and events that made me forget my fears
Reviewing the literature, slowly, but surely time rolled by
True, the increasing intensity of anxiety was no lullaby
Such was the next stage of a short journey so long

The feedback arrived; oh I too shed some tears!
Truly, some words are no music to the ears.
Since bumps and resilience are friends, I rode on
Soon arrived at the second year progression review; well done!
Such was the mid stage of a short journey so long

The time is almost near to meet statistics; what do I do?
Thanks to SPSS and the best supervisors in the business school
Glad I collected quantitative data, but I analysed and analysed
Till I sat late one evening and analysed the prize
Such are the surprises of a short journey so long

Dear colleagues as you ponder on this journey from home,
Take heart for you may feel lonely but you are not alone
Read your mails, join the SU, international or PG societies, or the gym
Pursue journal publications, do some peer reviews, or watch a film
Such are the events along this short journey so long

Many have come this way and most started with uncertainties
I too was unsure but now making impact is a must and success my priority
I have crossed the third bridge and writing up now
As I write up my thesis I envision my graduation gown
Such are the prices you pay on the short journey so long

Scrolling through the monthly records on skillsforge, I am amazed
How far I have come from Unilearn to Brightspace,
I smile for Huddersfield's qualification is beyond the paper; it's a reward
Added to knowledge are great memories and friends; such amazing awards
Now such are the echoes of joy on this short journey so long

Did I mention the seminars, TAPP, NARTI events and conferences?
PG Cert, pgrskills workshops, such as abstract writing and referencing?
When the chapters culminate and that model I do formulate
When all is said and done, then I won't forget to jubilate
Such are the processes and heart cry on this short journey so long

In sacrifice, knowledge can be pursued & should be shared when found
In the end, we shall look back and say; what a journey so profound
Remember to thank your supervisors, peers and members of staff
Please return the library books, join alumni groups then mind the gap
Such will be the end of this short journey; no longer long.

What kept me from quitting is what brought me here
Like a recent Dr once said; it is worth it; o yea!
So will I carry on to the end and wear that gown
Till then..., for now, the journey continues... and without a frown
Such is my PhD, a short journey so long... yet has been fun!