

ACTUARIES ROCK

The Actuarial Foundation

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Verse 1

You wanna make an actuary rock?
Don't sit 'em down to have a nice old talk.
What does it take to make them feel great?
Some real old-time mortality rates!

Don't try to rock them with "Home on the Range".
Don't read them tables from the stock exchange.
They wanna hear the tables they love so –
They want the 1980 CSO.

Chorus

Actuaries are like Rock & Roll
They got the numbers that soothe the soul
I reminisce about the days of old
Cause actuaries are like Rock & Roll

Call them old relics, call them what you will
Say they're old-fashioned, say they're over the hill.
They plan to keep on rockin' and havin' some fun,
If they keep moving to LX-plus-one.

Verse 2

Some people fail to take 'em seriously.
They think our rates are an absurdity!
A mortality table's not a joke –
It tells us how many folks are gonna croak!

My friend said, "Use the mortality table
And get my year of death, if you are able."
I knew the answer was "No can do" –
The table says how many, but don't say who!

Repeat Chorus