Snakes and Adders
(for my statistician friends)

In the beginning was the Assumption
And the Assumption was Randomness
Of selection
Within a Population
Targeted
For Data carefully collected
As from an apple tree
That looks at God all day
And there are the differences between trees
In their apples
And we can infer from this that
WE HAVE SINNED
Else why the thousand ills besetting flesh?
Else why this random striking down
By genocidal Providence?
Or if the conniving eyes of Justice blink at this,
Can we reject the existential null hypothesis?

Don’t ask me,
I’m a stranger here myself.

Edward Siemens