

(Ac)counting is so exciting

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I always fancied accounting.
The lure of the numbers,
Talking money,
Playing the market,
Making a pile.
I mean, really.....
Who wants to be a boring lion tamer?
Why transition through banking or insurance?
Accounting's exciting!
Yes, accounting's for me!

No listening to those naysayers!
Those online bullies
With their labelling catchcries of
Stuffy, boring, tedious, dull,
Dreary, unimaginative, drab,
And yes,
Not to put too fine a point on it,
Desperately dull and boring!¹

Content are we to sit in
The corporate engine room
Churning out the numbers.
Guardians of finance,
Policing rationality
In an irrational world.

Oh yes, we might be social failures
But we know our place².

Not for us
The boardroom cut and thrust,
Those on-the-run decisions,
Product life cycle assessments,
Social accountability do-gooding,
Accounting for equity and diversity.

All those positivist quant researchers
Can't be wrong!
It's all about the money.
It's all in the numbers.
The stats never lie.
Statistical rigour rules!

Who said.....?
'What gets measured mightn't be important'
'What isn't measured might be important'
Why bother with.....?
Reports buried in a tsunami of notes
When we fail as communicators.
When will we finally admit.....?
That decisions get driven so often
By the qualitative.
.....But maybe that might make accounting
Just TOO exciting!

¹ With acknowledgement to the 'Accountant bore' sketch, The Two Ronnies, 1981.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=yfA-BGxj0YA
and the 'Vocational Guidance Counsellor' sketch, Monty Python, 1969
www.youtube.com/watch?v=4h-wVe9a6rQ

² With deference to the iconic Italian film series on the accountant Fantozzi, released between 1975 and 1999.