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“King of the Roadmap”
(Adapted from “King of the Road,” by Roger Miller)

I got one great big Common Fund,
Not quite dead, but moribund.
I wear old worn out polyester,
And that won’t change with sequester!
Ah, but... Key roadblocks that arise
Never fluster or surprise.
I’m a man of genes and epi-genes,
King of the Roadmap.

Big data and rare disease,
Medical ontologies,
Trial networks and workforce bills,
I’ve also got that oil spill!
Ah, but... Extracellular RNA,
PROMIS web, CTSAs.
I’m a man of genes and epi-genes.
King of the Roadmap.

Bridge:
I know every senator and committee chair,
Institute Heads, and Stephen Colbert.
And every lobbyist and interest group,
And every PhD student with
something to prove...I got

One great big Common Fund,
Not quite dead, but moribund.
No board, no boss, no rules,
and I’ve got small molecules!
Ah, but... Key roadblocks that arise
Never fluster or surprise.
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