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This topical poem by Pat Aylett (Aston Hearing Services) is a tribute to Professor Chris Whitty, Dr Jonathan Van Tam and Sir Patrick Vallance.

Here's a little ditty
In honour of Chris Whitty,
And his colleague Dr Jonathan Van Tam
Who keep us up to date
On the UK's worrying state
With a graph, some data or a diagram.
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They are now familiar faces
On TV and other places
Flanking Boris as he gives the next update
On the figures nationwide
And those who've sadly died

While we wait with increased dread to hear our fate.

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On the science they rely
While the likes of you and I
Who haven't got such scientific brains
Need simple ways to hear
What they try to make quite clear
With metaphors like football or like trains.

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And then there's Patrick Vallance
Who tries to strike a balance
'Twixt science and the struggling NHS
We must obey the rules
And not behave like fools

That's the message he is really trying to stress.

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The tunnel's very long

But we hope before too long

We'll all be let out to enjoy the light

When we've all received our jabs

Thanks to all those in the labs

We have worked so hard to help us win the fight.

(... and there will be no more slides....)

Pat Aylett (courtesy of Aston Hearing Services)

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