

Silver Gels

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Lori

I've got a project, money's no object, things are going my way,
My degree will be finished in no time.
It is routine, take my protein, add a tag maybe two,
And find all of its partners by Christmas.

Harmony

Silver gels, silver gels, just have to learn how to stain them.
Silver gels, yellow wells, but no bands appear when we need them.

David

What's the problem, why are you dawdlin', when the answer is near,
Just follow the method I gave you.
Use formaldehyde, and ferricyanide, until your fingers turn brown,
And there'll be plenty of bands for the New Year.

Harmony

Silver gels, silver gels just have to learn how to stain them.
Silver gels, they make me ill, one day we'll get this to work!

Lori

My supervisor, thinks he's wiser, I'll show him a thing or two,
This method needs a little modification.
Just go online, there's enough time, here's a kit that will do,
And my gels will be done for my seminar!

Harmony

Silver gels, Sigma sells, a kit that will perfectly stain them.
Silver gels, they really SMELL, but here are (fast) (L) bands-that-are-not-in-the-
control-lane-(D) send-it-for-mass-spec-right-away!

Harmony

Like I told ya, fin'ly some data, and it just took a year
WOW, look at all those novel targets.
Time to validate, and at this rate, if you/I sleep at the lab
We will publish in Cell in no time!

(Thanks to...)

Silver gels, silver gels, now that you've/I've learned how to stain 'em
Silver gels, silver gels, fame is just one trial away!