

It is no surprise, we think, that Rusty Holman,  
Pathology leader in atherosclerosis research, and  
a whole man,  
Should produce other leaders to combat the USA's  
#1 ill  
The first of these was the wise, hard working  
Henry McGill,  
And then in concert with Henry came Jack Geer  
Who used his universal pathological powers to make  
plaques clear  
And not at all surprising that another Jack, a  
strong man  
Came to study this disease over a vast span  
For paper after paper and for many a year  
Under the authorship of Holman, McGill, Strong,  
and Geer  
The natural history of atherosclerosis was laid  
out  
So all could know what the human lesions were  
about  
And the IAP took on a new interpretation  
When the International Atherosclerosis Project  
appeared in Lab Investigation  
And Jack went on to lead a Strong ISU group  
When peerless McGill and high geared Geer flew the  
coop  
Jack's group set out to study in a very detailed  
process  
The factors in the Community which make the  
plaques progress  
He and his group have pioneered and paved the way  
To study risk factors which act on the artery each  
day

They've furnished new knowledge for all of us to possess  
From cigarette smoking to blood fats they've had success  
Discovering how plaques and heart attacks  
Are related in the New Orleans parish, finding facts  
Which fit together and help to make it very plain  
Many paradoxes that more work is needed to explain  
And so when we started about 15 years ago  
To plan a study that would enlighten with a glow  
We knew we'd have Jack Strong  
And his group to help us do no wrong

Into a major risk factor data generator  
A smoking, lipids, and hypertension quantitator  
And so before we tell you more about this study  
I want to pay tribute to this scientific buddy  
Who contributes so much to help the PDAY program  
along  
The one and only invincible Jack Strong.