

Ode to Capacitors

Even Lord Ambassadors
Are Awestruck by capacitors.
A message comes by land and sea:
“ Q equals product of C and V !”
And whispered in the countryside:
“To find capacitance, divide
The area of parallel plates
By the d which separates.”
And echoes faintly one last thought:
“Then multiply by epsilon-naught!”

--Walter F. Smith & Marian McKenzie, 1999