quotes from my superwhisper history

i love superwhisper. i never really learned to type properly, so it saves me quite a bit of time. i have used it since may, but i deleted that recording history by accident, so mine starts in june: 8,894 recordings, 342,686 words, thirty-eight hours of me talking. that is about 151 words a minute. typing it at the thirty words a minute i actually manage would have taken 190 hours, so call it six and a half days back.

burr told hamilton to talk less and smile more. good advice for people, and for life en general. however, at least in my opinion, it is terrible advice for sitting on your own and trying to ideate and do incredible things. to a computer, or to your notes app, you should say as much as you possibly can, and you should not smile while you do it: most of it has to be bad, or will be as a byproduct unless you are a genius, which i am not, and otherwise you are editing when you should still be talking. the sum of it comes out better than anything you would have carefully typed, or at least this is my experience.

these days i run cohere's transcribe locally, because i would rather my voice stayed on my own machine. here are some of the things it has heard.

"I wish I had my own quotes, to be honest." *(June 8)*

"As we all know, I've been very diligently pulling FEC data today from the many VMs that are currently burning down a data centre." *(July 16)*

"My prior moves up or down by about 5% every time I refresh my Twitter timeline." *(July 8)*

"The next VoteHub model will take into account particle physics, of course." *(August 14)*

"And I almost ran out of Greek letters." *(July 21)*

> On a small paper I was writing at the time.

"I want to get my money's worth of the 13 cents per hour VM I'm running." *(July 17)*

"They forced me to use ln instead of $\log_{10}$." *(July 18)*

> Not going to name names.

"I never really learned to type." *(August 16)*

"I would love to buy you two apples and take a bite out of one of them so you get 1.995 apples." *(July 18)*

> Two apples minus an ε. I had spent that evening arguing about the ε in a Huber regression, the cutoff where a point stops being ordinary and starts being an outlier, and it had begun to leak into how I offered people fruit.

"Also, actually, with that train of thought, can you ask your mom what she thinks about wins above replacement?" *(June 24)*

"Based on the engagement on this, it is pretty clear that nobody agrees with me." *(July 17)*

"Anyways, the Instagram meteorologists were right, as they always are." *(June 24)*

"But I might have the best Midwest priors." *(August 9)*

"I might have zero ball knowledge, but I'm going under on all three." *(July 21)*

> A friendly bet with family over an election. No money involved.

"I'm not a socialist, I'm just a capitalist who understands how capitalism works." *(July 27)*

> Hey, I didn't say this. Abdul El-Sayed did, at the Michigan Senate primary debate, and I repeated it into my microphone while texting someone about it. Going through these I thought for a second that I had said it unironically, and spent a genuinely worrying moment wondering what my political beliefs had been a few months ago.

"My XGBoost lake temperature model doesn't predict air quality, sadly." *(July 16)*

"I don't like onions, or I do not like onions." *(July 11)*

"I actually once made a project called WFPVI." *(July 2)*

> The Whole Foods Partisan Voting Index: estimating the partisan lean of a place from the area of the triangle formed by its three closest Whole Foods. It failed in many respects. The one respect it did not fail in was that I thought it was really cool, which was kind of all I needed.

"I feel patriotic when I use log 10." *(July 18)*

"I'm just not calibrated and I'm an idiot." *(July 21)*

"Well, I did put my computer in the fridge for a good part of it, so that's probably why the temperature fell." *(September 1)*

> The GPU temperature.

"What I'm good at is like, okay, elections, forecasting, AI, and fruits." *(August 10)*

"Damn, I spent quite a few hours thinking about this only for me to be correct." *(July 17)*

"The so-called economist running for Congress who insulted my turnout estimates in front of my AP US Politics and Government class." *(July 11)*

> Jeff Cohen, one of sixteen Democrats in the IL-09 primary, told my class turnout would land well below 100,000. It was 131,000. I had said 135,000.

"We can fabricate the quote a bit." *(August 28)*