# *Limericks*

## Examples of limericks

A <u>limerick</u> is a five-line poem written with one <u>couplet</u> and one <u>triplet</u>. The rhyme pattern is a a b b a with lines 1, 2 and 5 containing 3 beats and rhyming, and lines 3 and 4 having two beats and rhyming. Some people say that the limerick was invented by soldiers returning from France to the Irish town of Limerick in the 1700's.

A:  What is a limerick, Mother?
A:  It's a form of verse, said brother
B:  In which lines one and two
B:  Rhyme with five when it's through
A:  And three and four rhyme with each other.

What a wonderful poem is the limerick
To write one is aught but a hard trick
Merely find one unknown
And claim it your own
And pray that your teacher's not quick

There once was a guy named Matt
Who had an overly large cat
When it chased a mouse
It shook the whole house
So Matt got rid of the cat.

There was a man named Paul,
who went to a fancy-dress ball,
he decided to risk it,
and go as a biscuit,
but his dog ate him up in the hall

Don't let life get you down
Just get up and leave this town
It will be hard
So keep up your guard
You can turn your life around

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