

# Narrative Poems

"Crazy as the Cat" is a **narrative poem**. Narrative poems are poems that tell stories. Just like a story, narrative poems have a beginning, a middle, and an end. Some famous narrative poems are "Paul Revere's Ride" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, "The Walrus and the Carpenter" by Lewis Carroll, and "The Raven" by Edgar Allan Poe.

Read the narrative poem below.

**Rotten, Silly Monday Mornings** by Alison Brackstone

These rotten, silly Monday mornings  
always get my goat.  
This morning I woke up and had  
an itchy, scratchy throat.  
I found my tongue on hot coals,  
then tripped down half the stairs,  
forgot my lunch, forgot my books,  
forgot to brush my hair.  
At recess Billy said to me,  
"Heh, you're such a nerd!"  
I was so upset that during class  
I didn't hear a word,  
and when the teacher called on me  
I had nothing to say.  
When class was done, Miss Johnson came  
to me and asked, "Bad day?"  
I nodded, so she smiled and said,  
"I thought that you needed blue—"

These rotten, silly Monday mornings  
get me sometimes, too.  
I'll tell you what I do to turn  
a nasty day around:  
First, I jump a dozen times  
just one foot on the ground.  
I scratch my nose and purse my lips  
and shut my eyes so tight,  
I flap my arms like chicken wings  
and roar with all my might."  
And sure enough, the silly jig  
was like a magic cure.  
I did it all the way back home  
and I can say for sure,  
these rotten, silly Monday mornings  
may be quite a pain,  
but laughing makes it easier  
to pick yourself up again.

Write a narrative poem about your day or last. It doesn't have to rhyme!

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