

# LIMERICKS

A limerick is a type of poem that has 5 lines with a rhyme-scheme that goes (a, a, b, b, a). The rhyming lines usually share the same number of beats/syllables (for example, a-lines have 8 beats, etc.) They are usually humorous poems, with the last line acting as a "punch line." Here are some examples!

There was a young lady from Leeds  
who swallowed a packet of seeds,  
Now this sorry young lass  
is covered in grass,  
But has all the tomatoes she needs.

A circus performer named Brian  
Once smiled as he rode on a lion,  
They came back from the ride,  
But with Brian inside,  
And a smile on the face of the lion.

There was a young lady named Rose  
Who had a large wart on her nose,  
When she had it removed,  
Her appearance improved,  
But her glasses slipped down to her nose.

An extremely fat friend of mine,  
When asked at what time he would dine,  
Replied "At eleven,  
At three, five, and seven,  
At eight, and a quarter past nine."

There was a young fellow named Flynn  
Who was really incredibly thin,  
When he carried a pole  
People said, "Bless my soul!  
What a shock to find out you're a twin!"

Try to write your own! Here are some first lines to choose from:

There once was a girl named Rose

There was an old man from Glen

An old lady and her cat

A handsome young man named Roy

There once was a man from Perry

A fat old cow named Bessy

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