

## Limericks

Limericks are often five line poems written in light and witty style. It usually has a rhyming structure of AABBA and is often a humorous or satirical poem.

The pattern of the limerick is A-B-B-A-A, with lines 2, 3 and 5 rhyming and lines 1 and 4 forming

It is generally believed that the Limerick was invented by the writer Edward Lear. Although some claim it was invented earlier, including Shakespeare's Limerick, or both were, in the 17th C.

Some of Edward Lear's limericks...

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