

How to write a **LIMERICK**

Limericks can be a blast to write and read! Here's what you need to know about limericks:

- Limericks have 5 lines
- Lines 1, 2, and 5 rhyme and have 3 beats.
- Lines 3 and 4 rhyme and have 2 beats.

And then you have a limerick! Limericks are usually humorous and silly, but this is *your* poem and you can write about whatever you want!

Let's look at some examples by Edward Lear, one of the most famous writers of limericks!

There once was a fly on the wall.
I wonder, why didn't it fall?
Because its feet stuck?
Or was it just luck?
Or does gravity miss things so small?

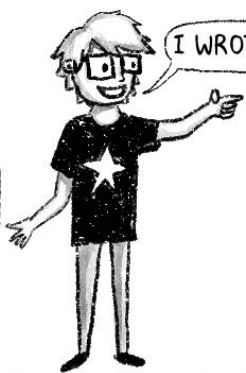
READ ALOUD TO HEAR THE UNDERLINED EMPHASIZED BEATS, ALMOST LIKE A RAP SONG

There was an Old Man with a beard,
Who said, 'It is just as I feared!
Two Owls and a Hen,
Four Larks and a Wren,
Have all built their nests in my beard!'

CAN YOU FIND THE BEATS IN THIS ONE?

OFTEN THE LAST LINE OF A LIMERICK IS LIKE THE PUNCH LINE OF A JOKE

LIMERICKS ARE USUALLY SILLY, BUT I WANTED TO SEE IF I COULD WRITE A SCARY ONE.



The Fear Maker's smile is wide.
He beckons and calls you inside.
A voice in your ear
says, It's too late, my dear.
You're mine and there's nowhere to hide.

