



## 2021 Rib-Tickling Limericks Contest Entries

### Faith S., 14, Arizona

There was an exquisite young girl  
Who would sing as she would stand and twirl  
She would dance a jig as she would clean  
She sparkled and shined and made everything gleam  
She made everything shiny as pearl

### Jonathan L., 11, Tennessee

There was a boy named Ron  
And if there was a spider, he was gone  
They scared him to death  
So then, he left  
He needs to work on his brawn

O there once was a boy in a park  
He looked up and saw a little lark  
The lark flew at Joe  
And he turned to go,  
He was slow, and the bird left a mark

## **Felix J., 11, North Dakota**

### **A MAN NAMED BOB**

There once was a man named Bob,  
Who decided he needed a job.  
But he was rude,  
That was his mood.  
So his job was to pick corn on the cob.

### **THE BOY AND THE LION**

There once was a boy named Brian,  
Who played with a lion called Ryan.  
Then one day,  
When he started to play,  
There at once was only the lion.

## **Zachary J., 13, North Dakota – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

### **THE MAN WHO I KNEW**

There once was a man who I knew  
Who had blown up poor Nessy to goo  
He was in quite a plight  
But he fixed her all right  
It's amazing, the uses of glue!

## **Brianna S., 12, Colorado – Featured**

If you find a Magic Fish  
You'll undoubtedly make a wish  
Be sure to make them wise  
And never ask for extra eyes  
Or you'll never get a girl to kiss.

There once was a rabbit named Bill  
Who lived in an old run down mill  
One day he went in  
And the whole roof fell in  
And on that hill still lies poor old Bill.

## **Mikayla S., 15, Colorado – Finalist**

### **A LEMUR-ICK**

There once was a lemur named Mick  
Who was almost constantly sick  
He sat up in bed  
With a poem in head  
It came out as a Lemur-ick.

There once was an ant named Mim  
Who brought a pet home on a whim  
It tried to eat her  
For it was an anteater  
She almost escaped from him.

## **Samuel U., 14, in Oregon**

There once was an old man from Turkey.  
Rumor had it he was odd and quirky.  
He wore shoes on his head,  
And slept under his bed,  
So the old man got kicked out of Turkey.

## **Fainen K., 12, Ontario, Canada**

There once was an author named Dickens,  
Who liked to anthropomorphize clay chickens.  
Then one day,  
He sat on the bay,  
And got pecked by an angry chicken.

## **Sakeena M., 12, Ontario, Canada**

There once was a man named Ned.  
Who sat beneath his bed.  
And with a swish,  
Came a ten eyed fish,  
Who whacked him in the head.

There was once a girl named hook.  
Who fed her snail a book.  
But wait-oh my!  
Your shoe is untied!  
Ha! I made you look.

## **Grant K., 11, Tennessee**

There was quite a small boy named Lapaz,  
He stole some nice crystals of Topaz.  
A monster went inside,  
Then the little boy cried,  
The monster said, "Got any Topaz?"

## **Ryan C., 12, Ohio – Finalist**

There once was a big chunky dude  
He loved to walk around nude  
And with his wife  
There was plenty of strife  
It ended one day when she sued

The children all lived in a castle  
And their school was too big a hassle  
They all got so dumb  
That their skulls went numb  
We call it the stupids' castle

## **Phoenix M., 13, Auckland, New Zealand – 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

There once was a small boy called Jack  
Who went snooping around in a shack  
He left with no trace  
A smile on his face  
And a tray full of pies in his sack

## **Aletheia B., 13, New Mexico**

There once was a girl from the run  
Who tripped when she heard the gun.  
She fell on her face  
Much to her disgrace.  
Oh, that poor, poor girl from the run.

## **Megan M., 11, Indiana**

There once was a bearded man named Mark  
Who decided to go for a lark  
He rented a small boat  
Which didn't even float  
Now he's swimming with a great white shark.

Along skipped a lady named Katie  
Who discovered a problem weighty  
About her true love Mark  
Being chased by a shark  
Who then would become her first matey?

## **Astrid D., 13, Ontario, Canada**

### **WHEN FRODO GETS HURT**

Frodo was stabbed and the Ringwraiths leered,  
In misery the Dwarves tore their beards.  
The distressed elves cried,  
For Frodo might die,  
Poor Sam burst into big, ugly tears.

### **THE GIRL FROM SARNIA**

There once was a girl from Sarnia,  
Who decided to live in Narnia.  
She looked for a ring,  
But found golden bling,  
She never ended up in Narnia.

## **Mitchell M., 12, North Carolina**

There once was a man named Steve  
Who was trapped in Minecraft, but wanted to leave.  
So he found a gold bar  
That he traded for a car.  
Now he's in Florida I believe.

## Oden E., 11, Idaho

There once was a young man named Bill,  
Who said, "one day, I'll hike up that hill."  
When he did, what surprise!  
A bear snapped his behind,  
And he never hiked back up that hill.

## Chelsea F., 12, Utah

Once my teacher wanted me to write a Limerick,  
But I said, "No, it would make me sick."  
But when I got extremely bored,  
Enough that a sick feeling would be ignored,  
I wrote a poem about a squirrel named Rick.

But once my poem was done,  
I went outside to get some sun.  
Soon a yellow car zipped by,  
Causing my poem to get blown to the sky,  
So I walked inside to start another one.

## Brock S., 11, Alaska – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

### THE ABSENT MINDED HORSE

There once was a famous old race horse,  
Who confused, wandered off of the course.  
Amidst the applause,  
Clover in her jaws,  
She walked back with no signs of remorse.

### SCARY HARRY

There once was a young man named Harry,  
Who was large, grotesque and quite scary.  
He was covered in hair  
And he looked like a bear,  
But he shaved and became "Clean Gary."

## **Emma B., 14, Maryland**

There was an old lady named Sue.  
Who found herself trapped in a shoe.  
She waited all day,  
But nobody came.  
So she raised all her kids in that shoe.

Once, Kevin the Squirrel had a snail.  
The snail liked to ride on his tail.  
They played every day  
Down by the blue bay,  
Until a dog ate the poor snail.

## **Faith S., 14, Maryland – Featured**

There once was a guy named Fred,  
He cried cuz' his dear dog was dead,  
So he went to a zoo,  
And found a kangaroo,  
Then smiled and patted its head.

There once was a coach standing poolside,  
He laughed as he watched the kids swim fly,  
He was evil and mean,  
So they thought up a scheme,  
Pushed him into the pool and said "bye-bye!"

## **Joshua H., 15, Auckland, New Zealand**

There once was a man from Japan,  
Who liked to cook with a pan.  
So he found a duck,  
Who'd run out of luck,  
And cooked him with eggs and ham.

There once was a man on a beach  
Oh how he wanted a peach.  
But wherever he hiked,  
The one he liked,  
Was just too hard to reach.

## **Isabelle L., 12, Iowa**

### **JENNY AND THE PENNY**

Once there was a girl named Jenny.  
Upon the highway she found a penny.  
It was Alice Algo's money,  
Sitting in water and honey!  
She ran to Alice and handed her the penny.

### **BRAVE DANIEL**

Brave Daniel trotted to his dwelling.  
Inside was a tiger named Gelling.  
Daniel grabbed a brass pan,  
With which he did can,  
The bad tiger in his dwelling.

## **AuLaura W., 12, Saskatchewan, Canada**

### **DRU**

There once was a giant named Dru.  
Who got his head stuck in a shoe.  
His odds were slim,  
Until his godmother found him.  
But his head was forever turned blue.

## **Sarah S., 12, Alberta, Canada**

Sophia was wearing lace,  
But still she wanted to race,  
She passed the line,  
With lots of time,  
And a smile on her pretty face.

My sister has really big feet,  
With them she decided to eat,  
She filled her fork,  
With lots of pork,  
Then remembered she doesn't like meat.

## **Caleb H., 11, Illinois**

There was a freckled pig named Ross,  
Who made a big car for his boss.  
On the way from the town,  
the car did just break down,  
grumbled Ross to his Boss, "Your loss."

## **Victoria S., 12, South Dakota – Featured**

There once was a girl named Claire  
She stayed in a haunted Lair  
Then came a ghost  
With a big post  
Soon she had blood in her hair

## **Josie W., 11, Tennessee**

There once was a beautiful elf  
Who lived in a country called Belf  
She had blue, periwinkle eyes  
Which attracted many guys  
But that elf refused them all and lived peacefully in Belf

There once was a lad from New Guinea  
Who had a girlfriend called Jenny  
But Jenny was mean to the lad  
And it made him mad  
Then Jenny left, leaving that poor lad nothing but a penny

## **Evie A., 14, Ohio**

I entered a limerick contest  
I thought that mine would surely be best  
What should I write about?  
Limericks, no doubt!  
All my skills they were put to the test

I waited on the stage for applause  
My name from the envelope they'd draw  
I poured my heart out  
Thought I'd win without doubt  
But they picked out every single flaw

## **Madelyn P., 12, Virginia – Featured**

There once was a coder named Jayden  
Who coded to get all their pay in  
It was all going fine  
'Til they got sucked inside  
And now there's a code that's called Jayden.

## **Evie F., 12, Maryland**

**"GLOVE AT FIRST SIGHT"**  
There once was a lad named Ming,  
and Disney-bounding was his thing.  
In his Mickey attire,  
his single desire  
was to make his sweet Minnie sing.

## **Avery G., 13, Texas – Featured**

**LU'S FLU**  
There once was a child named Lu.  
She felt like she had caught the flu.  
A doctor named Haux,  
Said she had the chickenpox!  
“And now, she said, “so do you.”

**LITTLE MISS SWAY**  
There once was a lady from Norway  
Her name was Little Miss Sway.  
But her hips were quite big,  
So, her name didn't fit  
'cause she's still stuck in our doorway.