



Rib-Tickling Limericks Contest Entries

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ALLISON C., 14, IN IDAHO

Rabid Dog

Don't ever feed dogs laundry soap
Cause I did it once, I'm a dope.
The dog then went mad
And I knew he had
After he bit seven popes.

Rabid Dog Part 2

But alas, that wasn't the end
I guess eating things is a trend
Next night in my bed
That dog ate my head!
Consider yourself warned, my friend.

NICHOLE C., 12, IN IDAHO

Vicious Pebbles

Pebbs is my fluffy pet rabbit
But he has a very bad habit
Whatever in sight
He surely will bite
For this is the way of the rabbit

Intense Addiction

I once found a video game
It wasn't so terribly lame
In fact it was fun
I'll never be done
Until I am banned from the game!

ALEXIS E., 12, IN KANSAS

Sweet M&Ms are the food I crave.
No more gummies or a sugar Dave.
No more vitamins.
They're for the trash tins.
My deserted tastebuds, M&Ms will save.

COLIN T., 11, IN WISCONSIN**—Contest Highlight Limerick—**

There was once a small dog named Miles
Who loved to chase big crocodiles.
He followed one home
Quite accident prone,
Nobody's seen him for a while.

While haiku are an outrage to do
And cinquain are quite boring too,
The one that's sublime
Is a limerick so fine,
Although of these I've wrote naught but a few.

PETER L., 12, IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA**—Contest Highlight Limerick—**

I once played a cool game on the screen:
The monsters were all slimy and mean.
I was quick as I slashed,
But got brutally bashed,
And the monsters had fun with my spleen.

A small hedgehog with razor-sharp quills
Might just tear apart very big hills
Or he might vomit fire
...and I might be a liar,
'Cuz he's got some unusual skills.

OLIVER A., 11, IN UTAH

There once was a little potato,
The potato's name was Alfredo,
And he lived in a shoe,
That was quite a bright blue,
That little potato Alfredo.

There was a cat who sat on a rat
Then the rat was as flat as a mat
The rat started to scream,
"You woke me from my dream!"
What happened to that poor tiny rat?

ELLIE J., 12, IN QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

—Contest Highlight Limerick—

There once was a old, rusty car
Who wanted to travel afar
He polished his tires
To fulfill his desires
But he was no speedy jaguar!

There once was a lady called Joan
Who asked the bank for a loan
Minutes became hours
She wilted like flowers
But Joan is still stuck on the phone!

ELORA A., 12, IN INDIANA

There once was a little, small cello,
Which could only be played by one fellow.
He was so small himself,
He could sit on a shelf,
From which he would cry and bellow.

A jingling carriage rode 'round the square
Carrying two ladies, young and fair.
They laughed and had fun
Through the streets, they'd run.
Together they made quite a pair.

ACACIA K., 12, IN WISCONSIN

Tim the Tiny Boy Scout
Tim got himself into a pickle
Literally, he could NOT wiggle
He ate his way out
Like a true Boy Scout
Then he collapsed upon a nickel

The Real Job of an Astronaut
My very first day at my new job
Get my space gear, and say hi to Bob
I see camera lights,
Backgrounds of space sights
"Are moon landings not real?" I sob

MADLINE I., 12, IN NEBRASKA

There once was a lady from Brime,
A horse she decided to climb.
She fell off her ride,
And damaged her pride,
A historical affair of her time.

—Contest Finalist—

There once was a monkey named June,
A poop-throwing, goofy baboon.
In a zoo he was kept,
Not a person nor vet,
Could get close to this primate buffoon.

AMANDA H., 14, IN CALIFORNIA

There once was a man named boogie boarder Bob
Who went out to boogie and caught a big dewsy
He caught the big dewsy
But broke his big booty
That is the last time boogie boarding Bob boogied

MADISON O., 11, IN GEORGIA

The mole pops up from the mound
I grab a mallet weighing 10 pounds
He shows me his face
I won't give any grace
But instead, I end up on the ground!

—Contest Finalist—

My dog is as big as a horse
My brother tries to ride him of course
The dog is crazy
But also lazy
When walking he pulls with much force.

ZACHARY M., 12, IN NEW YORK

Once there was a calico cat
who had a 50 year old top hat
the top hat was brown
he called it his crown
all hail King Mat the calico cat!

A long time ago I had a dish
a dish with a bright yellow fish
the day the dish broke
the fish had a stroke
oh how I loved that bright yellow fish.

EMILY G., 13, IN TEXAS

How goes it little Bumble Bee
You work so hard but act so free
You live in a hive
With way more than five
Soon you will die little Bumble Bee

Once I drew a word blob named Bob
Who did an exceptional job
Spreading joyful words
Though some were absurd
What a fun joyful speaking blob

ALYSE T., 13, IN WISCONSIN

—2nd Place Winner—

The lights on the tree are aglow.
Outside, there are flurries of snow.
But I'm stuck in this room
Doing classes on Zoom—
Why? Because Mom told me so!

There once was a man named O'Hiddem.
He bought books every time he could get 'em.
He bought ten thousand one
Before he was done
But didn't have shelf space to fit 'em!

CLARA S., 10, IN COLORADO

Carrie

There once was a horse named Carrie,
And she was so very merry.
But when she got mad,
She became very bad,
Until she could run on the prairie.

MAKENNA C., 12, IN CALIFORNIA

Crazy Cat Lady

There once was a lady with lots of cats.
She had so many they slept in hats.
Kittens were always crying;
Toys she was always buying.
The lady at last turned to raising bats.

JULIAN P., 11, IN NEW YORK

There was a small geocache in the woods.
Which had various sorts of goods.
But when it was found
by the satellite floating around,
It fell to the ground in the woods.

There once was a geocache
that was precariously placed in a chimney stack with ash.
The geocache never saw a single sole
but when it was found it was mistakenly put in a hole.
What will become of that geocache that was dusty with ash?

KATE C., 12, IN MICHIGAN

"Knock, Knock (say who's there)"
"Oh, no don't you dare!
I always get fooled by those jokes,
& besides, it's probably just a hoax!"
"Um...you are supposed to say who's there!"

I have a puppy named Lottie
She can be so naughty!
When she slips through the door, outside
I might as well say "I tried!"
Well, at least she isn't a coati...

PAIGE S., 13, IN ONTARIO, CANADA

Winter Doe

The sweet cherry plum sits on the tree,
As the snowflakes fall, it waits for me.
Walking through the snow,
The creature called Doe
She smells and walks near, to take a bite.

Fantasy

Candy cane peddles flutter down stream,
falling down a water fall of cream.
Gets washed up shore,
On beach of before
To wake up and know it was a dream.

NATHANIEL C., 12, IN ONTARIO, CANADA

Dwight's Ride

There once was a young lad named Dwight,
He could ride the fast speed of light,
One day he drove away,
Did not return the next day,
And what now did Dwight have to say?

“Why did I have to go away?
Good fortune is with me to stay”
Sadly he picked a fight
Lost all of his speedy might
Good fortune had left him that day.

KYLE C., 12, IN TEXAS

There was a young man named Fred
he strapped a Go-Pro to his head.
He fell in while rafting,
and after loud gasping
no one could find Fred dead.

CAMILLA BELLA J., 13, IN ILLINOIS

—Contest Highlight—

Replacement

Has anyone seen my invisible twin?
I swear I just saw her in Berlin.
She looks like me,
Her name is Lee,
Well, I guess I'll just be her stand-in.

—3rd Place Winner—

Fat Food

There once was a chef called Maurice,
Who always used way too much grease.
His meatballs were fine,
His fries Einstein,
But his lunches could make me obese.

ALYSSA L., 14, IN TEXAS

There once was a family named Myers
who decided to sprout a tree higher.
They took a stick
and planted it thick.
It never grew higher and higher.

RILEY G., 12, IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Orphans

Orphanage standing tall John is gone,
Orphanage lost three; children are gone,
Gone, gone, gone is Rob,
Gone, gone, gone is Bob,
Gone, gone, where where are Rob, Bob, and John

The Orphans Pt. 2

Running, Running, as fast as they can,
Running, running, far away from man,
Will they stop or go,
In the canoe row,
Boating, boating, eating from a can.

ADRIANA C., 14, IN ONTARIO, CANADA

There once was a star named Lahlo.
She wandered lil' close to a black hole.
She got too friendly
It wasn't dealt with gently
And poor little Lahlo was swallowed.

It was so dark and she couldn't see;
And now her family is so worried.
She'll never be found,
In the hole she is bound
For all of her eternity.

CHLOE D., 14, IN TEXAS

There once was an orange and white bunny
she ate all my makeup which most people found funny
she tried all my blush
the pallettes were crushed
the michevius bunny had wasted my money.

FRANKLIN H., 13, IN TEXAS

There once was a man named Bobby
in which he loved his hobby
he ran like a cheetah
and drank margaritas
and enjoyed a movie with a character named Dobby

ELISE P., 14, IN TEXAS

There once was a wife in the '50s
who thought pants felt quite nifty
she wore them all day
while her husband was away
but at five she changed quite quickly.

GAVIN C., 13, IN TEXAS

—Contest Highlight Limerick—

There was a young dancer named Gavin,
a jolly good time he was havin'.
He went for a toe-touch,
his muscles weren't stretched much,
so tears were shed with his blabbin'.

CHLOE T., 13, IN TEXAS

There once was a newsagent named Raj
who started happily in his garage
selling news and candy
to all who were dandy
especially to those who were large

AVERY L., 14, IN TEXAS

There once was a girl named Katniss,
But her life was filled with sadness.
She had to play in the games,
She won all the same,
But all the other tributes were lifeless.

ABBY W., 14, IN TEXAS

—1st Place Winner—

There once was a cat named Curly
whose coat was exceedingly pearly
she brushed it each day
refusing to play
so she lost all her fur quite early

CORBAN J., 12, IN OHIO

There was an old man who was bare
Who was warned of a large bear
His friends all took caution
But that man was real rotten
One day he was found needing care

ALICE E., 13, IN COLORADO

I leapt to my feet a glint in eye,
and answered the phone without deny,
the president said;
"go jump off a ledge!"
and no, I did not come home that night.

Wolf set out and found a pyramid,
fur all a-matted he padded in,
mummy did frighten,
with swaying linen,
and the wolf ran away with a spin.

JAMES H., 12, IN TEXAS

There was a young boy from Denver,
That got a package from a girl named Timber.
In the box was a moose, and he named it Zeus.
His mom made him return to sender.

ALY C., 14, IN MICHIGAN

There once was a girl named Sky
Who really wanted to fly
She climbed a tall mountain
Jumped off like a fountain
And not one person did cry

Pippi jumped onto my lap
And was soon taking a nap
"Please get off," I said to her
But no she was sticking like a bur
And that is the story of the cat trap

ALEXIA G., 12, IN TEXAS

I once had a hamster named Stanweg
And he was missing one fluffy leg
Once I got out of bed
Only to find him dead
I miss you dearly my dear Stanweg