



## 2023 Rib-Tickling Limericks Contest Entries

### **Briana S., 13, Oregon - FEATURED**

"A Goat Named Fred"

There once was a goat named Fred  
"I'm hungry and withered," he said.  
But after a melon,  
His belly was swellin'  
And the doctors pronounced him dead!

### **Asher T., 13, Pennsylvania**

Two boys were in a boat  
on a lake they chose to float  
One boy had a whim  
he decided to swim  
And then he tipped over that boat

## **Elijah G., 12, Minnesota**

There once was a girl on the phone;  
Who always made her thoughts known.  
She let out a cry,  
She said I never liked that guy!  
Her new boyfriend was her dog with a bone.

This poem is supposed to be sad;  
It is supposed to make you cry.  
All together, this poem  
Serves no purpose,  
But to bring a tear to your eye.

## **Lillie S., 14, South Carolina - **FEATURED****

### Limerick 1:

This dog is as skilled as a man!  
She can do anything that you can  
Just here, can't you see?  
She's better than me  
At chasing away that work van!

### Limerick 2:

There once was a princess named Annabell  
In a tower did this lovely maiden dwell  
Thought a very small frog  
Deep in a bog  
Sitting atop an old mossy well

**Ansley S., 11, South Carolina - FEATURED**

There once was a reaper named Lasket,  
who asked me to get in a casket,  
when I denied  
he quickly replied,  
"Tis a really nice murder basket!"

**Charlotte S., 13, New Jersey – 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE**

Turkey Friends

There once was a turkey named Tim  
He had a best friend named Jim  
On the Eve of Thanksgiving  
They both went a'missing  
I wonder what happened to them

The Green Fuzzy Cat

There once was a green fuzzy cat  
She never removed her bowler hat  
One day she fell  
Into a deep, deep well  
She climbed up with a thud and a splat

**Miriam H., 10, Ontario**

There once were forty Kays  
Who lived inside a maze  
A fox came to eat  
Thought he'd found a treat  
Got lost, and now he pays!

### **Serena H., 12, Ontario**

There once was a girl named Brooke,  
Who tried and tried to cook.  
She dropped her cake  
When she tried to bake,  
And it landed on a book!

### **Hudson G., 11, Western Australia – 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE**

There was a weight-lifter called Doug.  
He decided to work as a thug.  
He kicked down the door  
And stole riches galore  
'Til the cook knocked him out with a rug!

There once was a greedy old snake  
In a tent he found a birthday cake  
He gobbled it down;  
He did not even a frown  
Until he was chased with a rake

### **Emma D., 12, Mississippi**

#### Minecraft

There once was a guy named Steve  
He went to his house just to leave  
But when he got there  
Just in time for a scare  
By the Creeper who didn't like Steve

**Olivia S., 13, New York**

Dr. Alan Smith sat in a chair  
his brilliant mind in deep despair  
for he couldn't unravel  
the secrets of time travel  
he pondered this all in his lair.

There were two friends, Bill and Ted  
on their guitars they would shred  
they traveled through time  
it only cost a dime  
and that's all that needs to be said.

**Abigail P., 12, Nebraska**

Once there was an old lady with six cats  
'Til she woke to 12 cats staring back.  
Soon it was 80!  
She became quite crazy,  
That poor lady and 700 cats.

There once was a boy named Dick  
Who wanted to write a limerick.  
He had trouble midway,  
Before he knew what to say--  
This is how Dick ended his limerick.

**Arden P., 12, Texas**

She is a being of terror,  
You'd think her creations an error,  
A corgi so cute,  
'Til you tell her "Scoot"  
Then you'll wish for a dog much fairer.

The sun beats down, so brutal and hot  
Going outside, you will regret a lot  
But as winter comes  
Freezing it becomes  
And you'll want all the blankets you've got.

**Ryan G., 13, North Carolina**

There once was a boy in Union City,  
The Popeyes there wasn't very pretty,  
The doors were locked,  
He was shocked,  
And there was a disgruntle employee.

**David O., 15, Minnesota**

Steven's waistline it grew three times ten  
At the Christmas with pudding and hen  
He dieted with hate  
Till he lost all the weight  
By the time Christmas rolled round again.

**Alice E., 16, Florida**

There once was a lady named Gertrude  
Who thought eating at tables was rude  
SHE ate by the hearth  
With a merry heart  
And a devil-may-care attitude

Man in the pan of the pirate Dan  
Sat cold with fear of the pirate clan  
Hot from the fire  
He leapt un-tired  
Ran out the door under nose of Dan

**Grace O., 11, Minnesota - **FEATURED****

All joy in my heart has gone dry  
As my voice yells a woeful why  
I stand there so still  
My cup before filled  
'cause all my milk's spilt, I will cry

A limerick I have to make  
I don't know how long it will take  
I probably will fail  
I've decided to bail  
Though not much is really at stake

## **Ben M., 12, Gitega - FEATURED**

There once was a soldier from Spain  
Who bragged he could feel no pain  
But a sword hit his toe  
And tears did flow  
And he never again would campaign

There once was a fish from the Sea  
Who decided to live in a tree  
But he discovered too late  
That air fish do hate  
And alas he never made it back to the sea

## **Zeke B., 12, Gitega - FEATURED**

There once was a boy from Chad  
Who wanted a lion for a dad  
The lion was friendly  
Until he got hungry  
Then, he was no longer a dad

I've heard of a creature from Mars  
Who apparently collects metal bars  
From rovers that roam  
But still, it's unknown  
What the creature does with those bars



**Hannah G., 11, Minnesota**

I once went to lunch with a lion  
He was surely one large feline  
His fur was fine  
His mane like a beard  
And suddenly, I disappeared

The mouse told the rabbit  
The rabbit told the moose  
The moose told the goose  
The goose told the Elephant on the caboose  
What did the moose tell the goose?

**Jordan R., 13, Alberta - **FEATURED****

**LIMERICK 1:**

There once was a bloodhound named Kevin,  
Who was sure that he'd never turn seven.  
His ears weighed a ton,  
Before he was one.  
Who knows what they'd weigh by eleven.

**LIMERICK 2:**

Why is a bulldog's nose squished in?  
Well let me tell you of one named Tim.  
One day on a walk,  
There was a hard rock,  
That left Tim's nose all pushed in.

### **Josiah H., 11, Alaska**

There was a boy named Timmy  
Who wrote a little Limmy.  
He got a nerf gun  
And had some fun.  
And he really was a bit skinny.

There was a suitcase very suiting  
That was owned by a man who loved looting.  
It was full of stuff  
And it really did puff  
For all of his task he was executing.

### **Ashley B., 16, Michigan**

Tubby Mc Tubber fell on his  
Blubber while eating his bacon  
And butter.

Coco goes coo coo crazy  
For Coco Puffs but Coco Puffs  
Do not go crazy for Coco. (Coco is my cats name)

**Ethan B., 11, Michigan**

There was once a gerbil named Myrtle  
This gerbil's diet was herbal.  
This gerbil named Myrtle also had  
A wife named Crystal Crystal  
The gerbil's diet was also herbal.

Fin the finch loved figs.  
He would eat them all day with not  
A bit of dismay. To his  
Dismay one day it gave him  
Collywobbles and that is the  
Finch named fin.

**JoyAnne Grace E., 17, Louisiana – 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE**

There once was a girl from the sea  
Who thought she was fine as could be.  
She swam with a shark,  
just on a lark,  
whom never again did we see.

Thanksgiving Dessert:

My brother is making the pies.  
We can't believe our eyes!  
Though they are runny,  
We say they are yummy.  
I guess sometimes everyone lies.

**Tyler E., 13, Louisiana**

Their faces are squishy little mugs.

I really do like tiny pugs!

Some wrapped in sweaters

With teeth like shredders,

Those man-eating carnivorous loves!

Traffic lights switch on and off.

I could have sworn I saw a traffic cop.

Car brakes screech to a halt

Tires burn on the asphalt

And the cat meowed "Stop"!