
If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 23-04-2008 23:15

Dulce Et Decorum Est

There was a young woman called Jessie
Who thought she was all poetessy
"It's fun, lads," she said
"When Fritz shoots you dead!"
Please tell her that gas is more messy.

Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 23-04-2008 23:24

Any more?

Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Stumpy Pepys - 24-04-2008 12:20

A bloke from a faraway land
Said 'an old statue's out there in the sand'
Ozzymandius it were
Saying I should despair
Well it's not like he were too grand!

Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 24-04-2008 13:25

On First Looking Into Chapman's Homer

A well-seasoned traveller, me
I've seen a fine kingdom or three
But none worth a look
Next to reading this book
You'll think you've discovered a sea!

Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Andy C - 24-04-2008 13:53

Bells clang in the old house of God.
They're off home, down a path that's well trod:
The feller that ploughs
And a number of cows,
Leaving muggins here all on his todd.

Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 24-04-2008 14:12

To His Coy Mistress

Now why all this silly delay?
What of time's wingèd chariot, eh?
You're a damn long time dead
That's what I've always said.
Come along now, I've not got all day.

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Ginger Yellow - 24-04-2008 14:25

Stumpy, I didn't realise Shelley was a Scouser.

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Stumpy Pepys - 24-04-2008 14:53

Erm...it's not a well-known fact. Kept it a bit quiet.

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Re: If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Bafflin Smoke Signals - 24-04-2008 15:58

Snake

A snake came - a gold one, not black
And drank at my trough out the back
He looked so like a prick
That I chucked a big stick
And he hurried back into his crack

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Re: If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 24-04-2008 16:01

Ooooh, nice one.

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Drunk Academic - 24-04-2008 16:30

Song of Amergin

I landed, with eight sons of Mil,
In Ireland, some locals to kill.
The Tuatha did us wrong
So I made up a song
About being a bird and a hill.

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Andy C - 24-04-2008 16:41

Christ, who's made a peregrination
Trampling all the green hills of this nation?
Never mind, let's take trouble
To raise from the rubble
Urban - mid-east style - regeneration.

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by mafu - 24-04-2008 18:58

some crazy old chap with a beard,
on my way to a wedding appeared
said he'd been on a boat,
shot a bird in the throat
and then everything went a bit weird

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 24-04-2008 19:16

Oh now look, I've drowned in the sea
And you thought I was waving. Tee hee.
And you've now told the cops
"He was twelve yards out, tops"
It was actually seventy-three.

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by mafu - 24-04-2008 19:45

would you look at this big stripy cat
and tell me what crazy fucker made that?
same bloke who made sheep?
does that sound a bit steep?
when you look at this big stripy cat?

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 24-04-2008 20:22

Some superb ones here.

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Purves Grundy - 24-04-2008 21:39

Here am I: a young bloke name of Dave, 'n'
I'm glum coz my bird's in the grave, 'n'
I'm trying to read 'n'
Can't coz of this bleed'n'
Accursed "nevermore"-ing raven

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Ibn Pickthall - 24-04-2008 23:10

I was going to attempt both Rime... and the Tyger, but am glad I didn't, mafu's versions are much greater than my unfinished versions.

Whilst in a wood with two paths,
I took the one with more grass,
Though more verdure,
I couldn't be sure,
How much different it was till I'd passed

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by loose cannon - 25-04-2008 09:35

The gunner was a bit of a loon
This war just can't end too soon
I said, 'give Kraut a shout
And you blow his brains out
And we'll both be over the moon'

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 25-04-2008 10:06

You're quite like a day in July
Except that soon winter comes by
Whereas your good looks
Live on in my books
Because I'm that famous, that's why.

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Duncan Gardner - 25-04-2008 10:29

From the flaxed grassy slopes of the Bann
Rural allegory, as only I can
Though my passport's all green
No glass raised to the queen
But I'm still not as lauded as Flann

(E.J. Culchie-Bigot, aged 1916 3/4)

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Lyra - 25-04-2008 11:36

It's of arms and the man that I sing
And shipwrecks and storms him here bring
Ever one for the ladies
He left Dido in Hades
Without even so much as a ring

The oracle said "Sail the foam

Till white piglets tell you, 'You're home!'"
A prophetic shield
Aeneas would wield
And with Mum's help, go on and found Rome

Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Lyra - 25-04-2008 11:43

Lesbia's sparrow's brown bread
Completely and utterly dead
Poor little bird
No more chirping is heard
And my girl's eyes with crying are red

Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Tony C - 25-04-2008 12:14

Sonnet 130

My bird isn't much of a looker
Not a great bod or a pucker
Yet my heartfelt belief
In my sonnet's motif
Shows that I am a bit of a sucker

Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by ad hoc - 25-04-2008 12:53

Naughty Dante gets shown around hell
By Virgil (and boy does it smell)
Then it's off round limbo
with Beatrice, the bimbo
Then up to see God, well, well, well.

Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by dogbeak - 25-04-2008 14:01

If you look at the finest young minds
Of my generation you'll find
All these young goys
With drugs or young boys
(Moloch can be really unkind)

Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Lyra - 25-04-2008 15:06

Nature is red in the claw
And also, you'll find, in the jaw
I loved and I lost

Although at great cost
It was better than no love at all

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Lyra - 25-04-2008 16:13

Porphyria wouldn't get hitched
But I didn't want to be ditched
With her bright golden hair
I strangled her there
And she's now mine forever, the bitch

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Lyra - 25-04-2008 16:14

Oh what is the matter, Sir Knight?
You're so pale, you do look a fright
"The lass was so pretty
But she had no pity
And now I am buggered, all right!"

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by loose cannon - 25-04-2008 16:25

Lyra is on fire today

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Lyra - 25-04-2008 16:28

Bored with her island-bound weaving
She firmly decided, "I'm leaving!"
She got in a boat
To her death she did float
It was Lancelot's fault, I'm believing

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by hobbes - 25-04-2008 16:39

You see, if poetry was more like this I'd enjoy it so much more.

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 25-04-2008 18:12

If hemlock or smack you have dropped
That birdsong, it still can't be topped
It fair makes me pine

For a glass of red wine
And then maybe death. Oh it's stopped.

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by nefertiti - 25-04-2008 18:30

Darling, look at this flea in the bed
it's been sucking our blood, thick and red
the way it was sucking
reminds me of fucking
oh bugger you've just squashed it dead

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Stumpy Pepys - 25-04-2008 19:05

Half a league rode the Light Brigade
In the valley of death unafraid
Guns and sabres abounded
The chaps they got pounded
And what glorious corpses they made

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Lyra - 25-04-2008 19:28

Come look at the beach by the moon
The tide'll be going out soon
But like that Greek chappy
I cannot be happy
In my head, with corpses it's strewn

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 25-04-2008 19:53

I've ranted till I'm flecked with spittle
I now wonder why. Ah, yes, it'll
Be my inborn bile.
On the Emerald Isle
We're cross and the place is so little.

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 26-04-2008 14:06

There was an old King of Cathay
Who said "Build me a dome fit for play".
Once I dreamt of a cute
Dark-skinned girl with a lute
I wish I could do that today.

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Carcass - 26-04-2008 14:48

Well, April's a bit of a pain
Some stuff about lands without rain
Isn't it shitty
In the unreal city
Heironymo's mad againe.

(Shanti)

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Lyra - 26-04-2008 16:16

Haha Wyatt I was pondering how to do that one in the gym earlier.

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Lyra - 26-04-2008 16:33

and Carcass I'm impressed cos it took Wendy Cope five!

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Albert Tatlock - 27-04-2008 17:33

Eh up! I'm from Yorkshire, tha' knows
The wives? They comes, and they goes
But who needs Sylvia Plath
When you've got Matlock Bath
(That's Half man, half biscuit transposed).

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 28-04-2008 11:22

A boy with wings, plummeting fast
While a posh boat just keeps sailing past
Quite odd, you might say
Don't see that every day
Meh, some people just can't be arsed.

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Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Andy C - 30-04-2008 11:28

Can't be arsed to watch Middx v Lancs
Though it ought to appeal to ex-Manacs
In the past it was ace
To watch Hornby and Grace

But this modern-day cricket - no thanks!

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