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## If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 23-04-2008 22:15

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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.

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## Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 23-04-2008 22:24

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Any more?

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## Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Stumpy Pepys - 24-04-2008 11:20

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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!

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## Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 24-04-2008 12:25

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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!

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## Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Andy C - 24-04-2008 12:53

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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.

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## Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Wyatt Earp - 24-04-2008 13:12

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To His Coy Mistress

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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 13:25

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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 13:53

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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 14:58

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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 15:01

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Ooooh, nice one.

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### Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Drunk Academic - 24-04-2008 15:30

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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 15:41

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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 17:58

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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 18:16

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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 18:45

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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 19:22

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Some superb ones here.

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### Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Purves Grundy - 24-04-2008 20:39

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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 22:10

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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 08:35

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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 09:06

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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 09:29

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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 10:36

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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

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## Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Lyra - 25-04-2008 10:43

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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

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## Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Tony C - 25-04-2008 11:14

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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

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## Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by ad hoc - 25-04-2008 11:53

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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.

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## Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by dogbeak - 25-04-2008 13:01

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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)

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## Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Lyra - 25-04-2008 14:06

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

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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 15:13

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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 15:14

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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 15:25

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Lyra is on fire today

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### Re:If the great poets had written only limericks

Posted by Lyra - 25-04-2008 15:28

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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 15:39

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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 17:12

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

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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 17:30

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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 18:05

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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 18:28

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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 18:53

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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 13:06

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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 13:48

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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 15:16

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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 15:33

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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 16:33

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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 10:22

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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 10:28

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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

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But this modern-day cricket - no thanks!

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