

How to Write a St. Patrick's Day Limerick



A **limerick** is a silly poem with five lines. Here's an example of a limerick by a poet named Edward Lear:

There was an Old Man with a beard,
Who said, "It is just as I feared! —
Two Owls and a Hen,
Four Larks and a Wren,
Have all built their nests in my beard!"

A limerick follows a set of rules for its rhythm and rhyme. Use these rules to write your own limerick:

- Use the AABBA rhyme scheme. That means lines 1, 2, and 5 rhyme, and lines 3 and 4 rhyme.
- The first line usually ends with a person's name or the name of a place.
- The last line is usually funny.
- Lines 1, 2, and 5 are usually longer, with 8 or 9 syllables.
- Lines 3 and 4 are usually shorter, with 5 or 6 syllables.



Directions: Write a limerick about St. Patrick's Day on the lines below.

