**POETRY**

**Limericks**

Many poems follow traditional patterns that make them easy to read and give them the feeling of a song. The words of a limerick form a rhythmic pattern:

The first two lines have the same rhythm, the second two lines have another rhythm and the fifth line has the rhythm of the first line. The rhyming scheme is as follows:

**a (1st line)**

**a (2nd line)**

**b (3rd line)**

**b (4th line)**

**a (5th line)**

Limericks often involve exaggerations and humour. Your best bet is to have fun with these and enjoy writing them.

**The Dog**

There once was a dog named Rorey

Who went for a swim in the quarry

He got all up tight

After getting a bite

From a fish that was swimming to shorey.

**Duchess**

I sat next the Duchess at tea.

It was just as I feared it would be:

Her rumblings abdominal

Were simply abominable,

And everyone thought it was me.

**Rhyming Couplets**

When writing this type of poetry, the last word in each pair of lines is to rhyme. So the last word in the first two lines would rhyme and then the last word in the next two lines would rhyme and so on...

**The Moon and a Star**

The moon and a star in the sky this night

As I sit in my window, what a beautiful sight.

Black cat on the fence post waiting there for dawn,

The more I look the more I know of what is going on.

The light of the moon is shining down on me,

Otherwise it is all dark for all that I can see.

But one star, as brave as brave can be,

Had the strength to shine its light way, way down on me.

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-Rebecca L. McPhee