

The OPL Children's Room presents...

Every Day's a Holiday

May 12th is National
Limerick Day!



**Limerick's a short poems that are usually very silly.
They take their name from a city in Ireland. Limericks
were inspired by word games and commonly used in
poetry contests in magazines.**

3A

Limericks have a very specific form:

3A

**The first, second, and fifth lines have three "feet" and
rhyme with each other.**

2B

**The third and forth lines have two "feet" and rhyme
with each other.**

2B

**Feet, in poetry, are unit of measuring lines, usually with
one stressed syllable. They form the poem's rhythm.**

3A

**Many, but no all, Limericks start the first line by
introducing a character and telling you where they are
from.**

Check out these examples, than try to write your own.

There was a bold pirate of Boulder
Whose cutlass was slung from his shoulder.
He'd mighty fine notions
Of plundering oceans,
But his mom said: "Perhaps, when you're older."

There was once a farmer from Leeds,
Who swallowed a packet of seeds,
It soon came to pass,
She was covered with grass,
But has all the tomatoes she needs!

I know a schoolboy from Dubai,
Who was baked by mistake in a pie.
To his mother's disgust,
He emerged form the crust,
And exclaimed, "What a good boy am I!"

I know this big owl named Stu,
Who stays up all night yelling "Hoo!"
An old man walked by,
And he started to cry,
And answered, "I haven't a clue!"