

Edward Lear's NONSENSE LIMERICKS

BOOK 2



There was a Young Lady whose Nose, was so long that it reached to her toes:
So she hired an Old Lady, whose conduct was steady,
To carry that wonderful Nose.

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Original Dedication

TO THE GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, GRAND-NEPHEWS,
AND GRAND-NIECES
OF EDWARD, 13TH EARL OF DERBY

THIS BOOK OF DRAWINGS AND VERSES
*(The greater part of which were originally made
and composed for their parents,)*

Is Dedicated by the Author

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Edward Lear". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, decorative flourish at the end of the word "Lear".

London, 1862

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There was an Old Man who supposed
That the street door was partially closed;
But some very large Rats, ate his coats and his hats,
While that futile Old Gentleman dozed.

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There was an Old Man of the West,
Who wore a pale plum-colored Vest;
When they said, "Does it fit?" he replied, "Not a bit!"
That uneasy Old Man of the West.

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There was an Old Man of the Wrekin,
Whose shoes made a horrible creaking;
But they said, "Tell us whether, your shoes are of Leather,
Or of what, you Old Man of the Wrekin?"

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There was a Young Lady whose Eyes,
Were unique as to color and size;
When she opened them wide, people all turned aside,
And started away in surprise.

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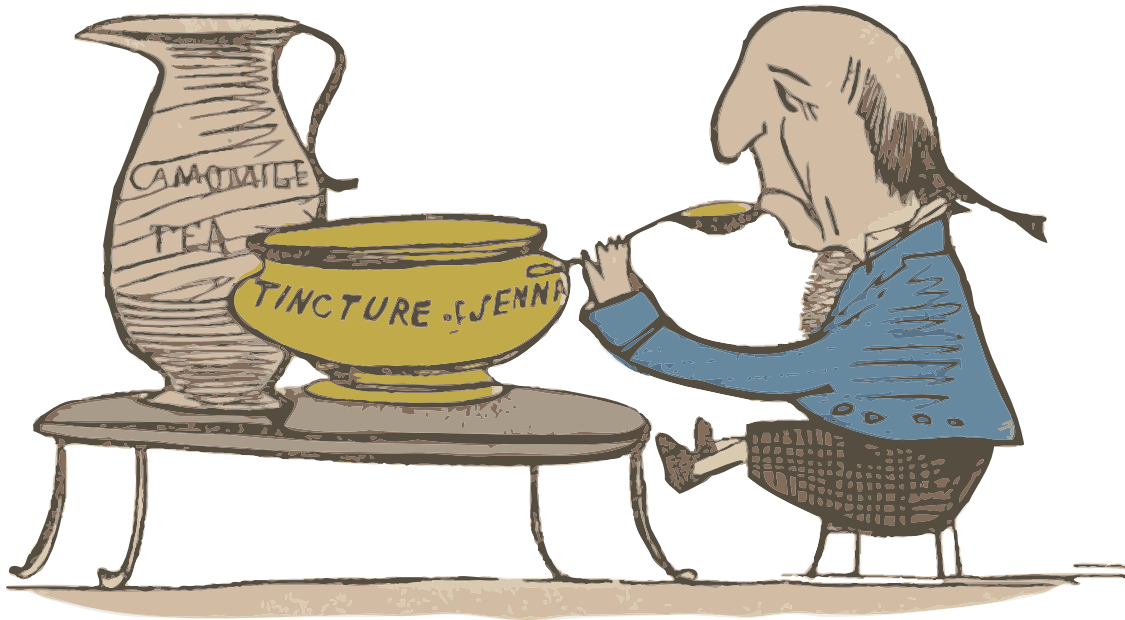
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There was a Young Lady of Norway,
Who casually sat in a doorway;
When the Door squeezed her flat,
She exclaimed, "What of that?"
This courageous Young Lady of Norway.

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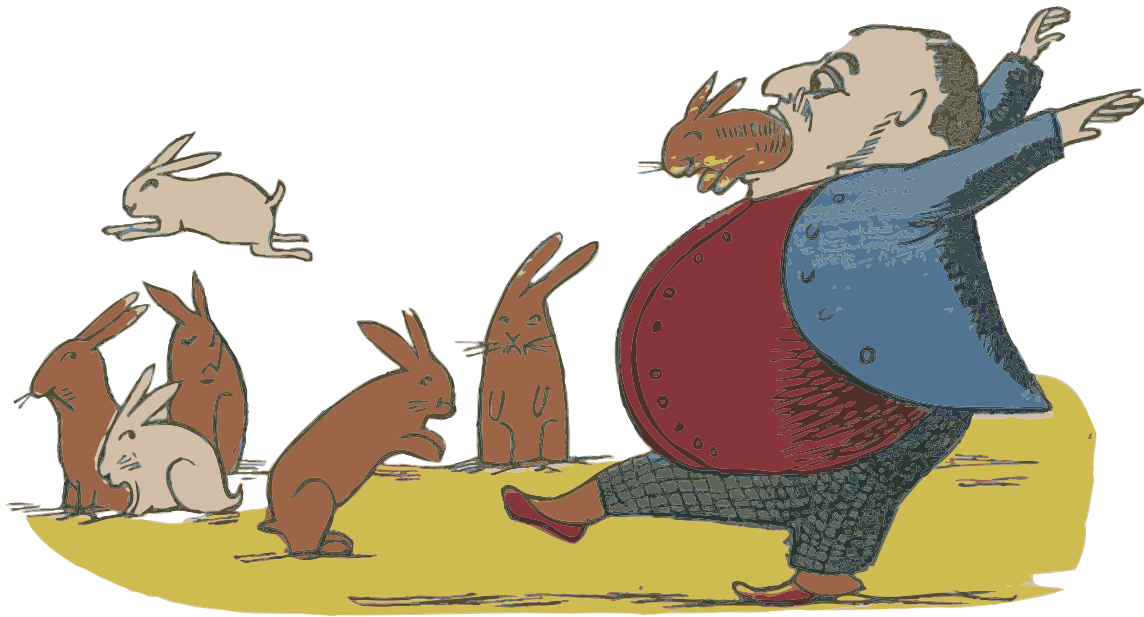
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There was an Old Man of Vienna,
Who lived upon Tincture of Senna;
When that did not agree, he took Camomile Tea,
That nasty Old Man of Vienna.

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There was an Old Person whose Habits
Induced him to feed upon Rabbits;
When he'd eaten eighteen, he turned perfectly green,
Upon which he relinquished those Habits.

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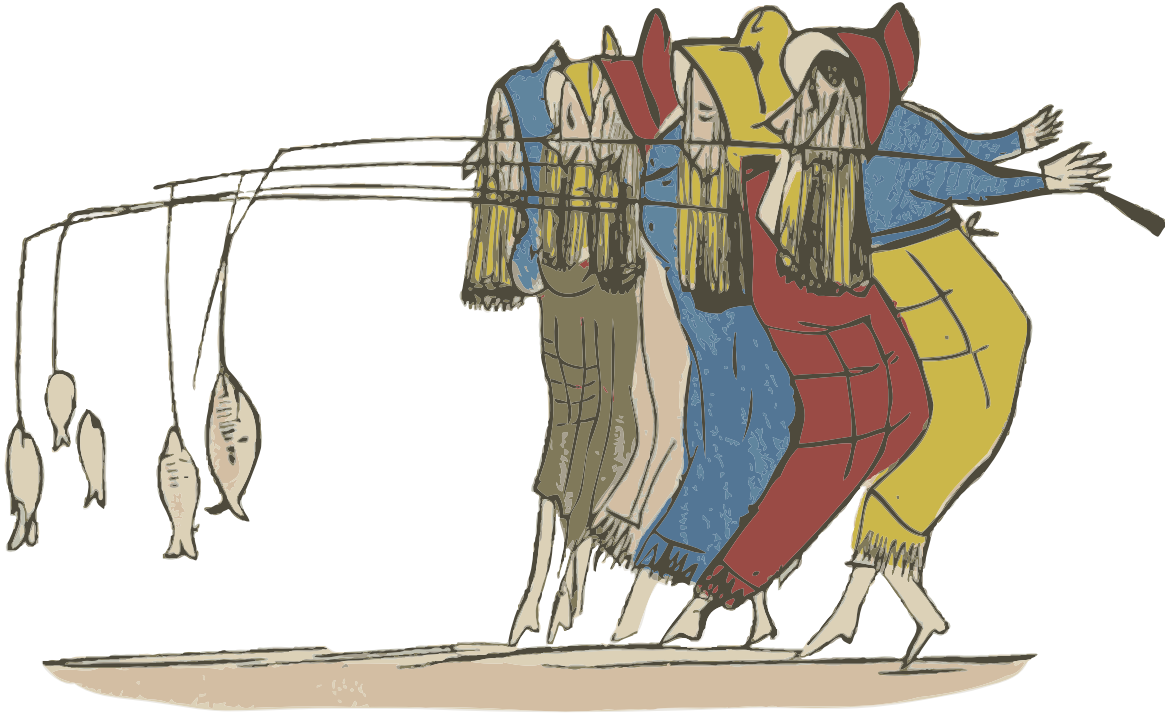
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There was an Old Person of Dover,
Who rushed through a field of blue clover;
But some very large Bees, stung his nose and his knees,
So he very soon went back to Dover.

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There was an Old Man of Marseilles,
Whose daughters wore bottle-green veils:
They caught several Fish, which they put in a dish,
And sent to their Pa at Marseilles.

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There was an Old Person of Cadiz,
Who was always polite to all ladies;
But in handing his Daughter, he fell into the water,
Which drowned that Old Person of Cadiz.

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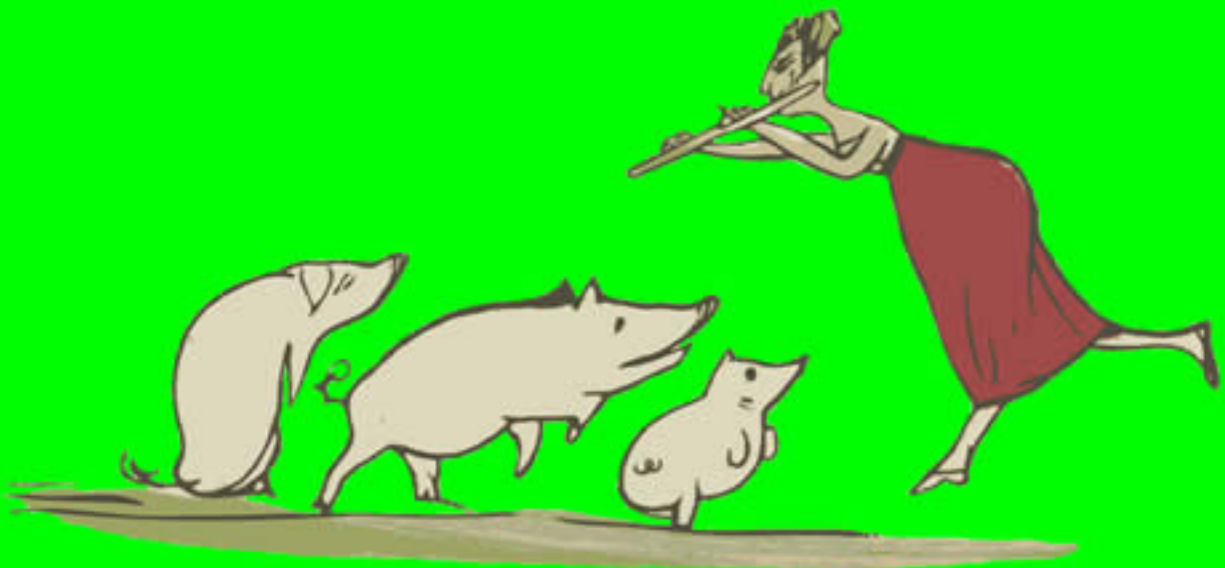
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There was an Old Person of Basing,
Whose presence of mind was amazing;
He purchased a Steed, which he rode at full speed,
And escaped from the people of Basing.

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There was a Young Lady of Bute, who played on a silver-gilt flute:
She played several jigs, to her Uncle's white Pigs:
That amusing Young Lady of Bute.

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