

Edward Lear's NONSENSE LIMERICKS

BOOK 3



There was a Young Lady of Tyre, who swept the loud chords of a Lyre:
At the sound of each sweep, she enraptured the deep,
And enchanted the city of Tyre.

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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*(The greater part of which were originally made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 of Bohemia,
Whose daughter was christened Euphemia;
But one day, to his grief, she married a thief,
Which grieved that Old Man of Bohemia.

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There was an Old Man of Vesuvius,
Who studied the works of Vitruvius;
When the flames burnt his book, to drinking he took,
That morbid Old Man of Vesuvius.

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There was an Old Man of Cape Horn,
Who wished he had never been born;
So he sat on a Chair, till he died of despair,
That dolorous Man of Cape Horn.

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There was an Old Lady whose Folly,
Induced her to sit in a holly;
Whereon by a thorn, her Dress being torn,
She quickly became Melancholy.

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There was an Old Man of Corfu,
Who never knew what he should do;
So he rushed up and down, till the Sun made him brown,
That bewildered Old Man of Corfu.

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There was an Old Man of the South,
Who had an immoderate mouth;
But in swallowing a Dish, that was quite full of fish,
He was choked, that Old Man of the South.

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There was an Old Man of the Nile,
Who sharpened his nails with a File,
Till he cut off his thumbs, and said calmly, "This comes—
Of sharpening one's nails with a File!"

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There was an Old Person of Rheims,
Who was troubled with horrible dreams;
So to keep him awake, they fed him with Cake,
Which amused that Old Person of Rheims.

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There was an old Person of Cromer,
Who stood on one leg to read Homer;
When he found he grew stiff, he jumped over the cliff,
Which concluded that Person of Cromer.

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There was an Old Person of Troy,
Whose drink was warm brandy and soy,
Which he took with a Spoon, by the light of the moon,
In sight of the city of Troy.

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There was an Old Man of the Dee,
Who was sadly annoyed by a Flea;
When he said, "I will scratch it!" they gave him a hatchet,
Which grieved that Old Man of the Dee.

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There was an Old Man who said, "Hush! I perceive a young Bird in this Bush!"
When they said, "Is it small?" he replied, "Not at all;
It is four times as big as the Bush!"

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