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Edward Lear's NONSENSE LIMERICKS

BOOK 4



There was an Old Man of the West, who never could get any rest:
So they set him to spin, on his Nose and his Chin,
Which cured that Old Man of the West.

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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*(The greater part of which were originally made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 the Coast,
Who placidly sat on a Post;
But when it was cold, he relinquished his hold,
And called for some hot buttered Toast.

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There was an Old Person of Bangor,
Whose face was distorted with anger;
He tore off his Boots, and subsisted on roots,
That borascible Person of Bangor.

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There was an Old Man with a Beard,
Who sat on a Horse when he reared;
But they said, "Never mind! you will fall off behind,
You propitious Old Man with a Beard!"

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There was an Old Person of Anerley,
Whose conduct was strange and unmannerly;
He rushed down the Strand, with a Pig in each hand,
But returned in the evening to Anerley.

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There was a Young Lady of Troy,
Whom several large Flies did annoy;
Some she killed with a thump, some she drowned at the pump,
And some she took with her to Troy.

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There was an Old Man of Berlin,
Whose form was uncommonly thin;
Till he once, by mistake, was mixed up in a Cake,
So they baked that Old Man of Berlin.

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There was an Old Person of Spain,
Who hated all trouble and pain;
So he sat on a Chair, with his feet in the air,
That umbrageous Old Person of Spain.

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There was a Young Lady of Russia,
Who screamed so that no one could hush her;
Her screams were extreme,—no one heard such a Scream,
As was screamed by that Lady of Russia.

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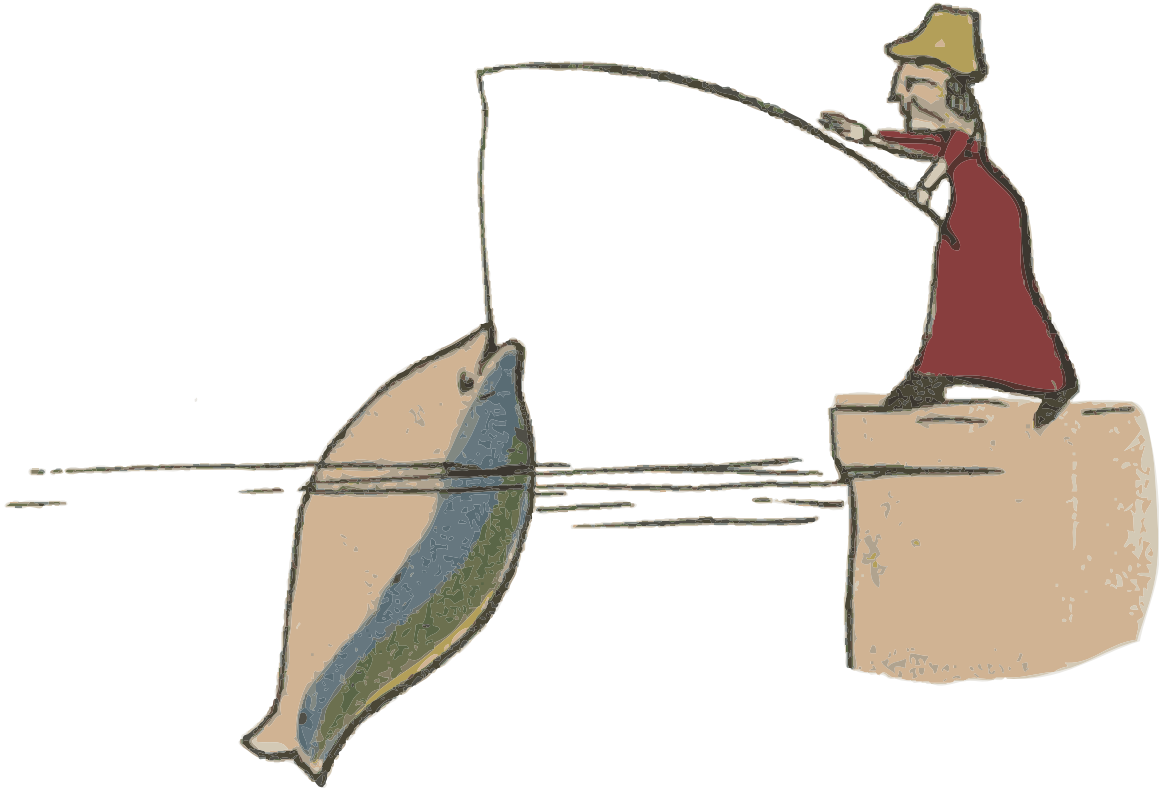
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There was an Old Man, who said, "Well!
Will *nobody* answer this Bell?
I have pulled day and night, till my hair has grown white.
But nobody answers this Bell!"

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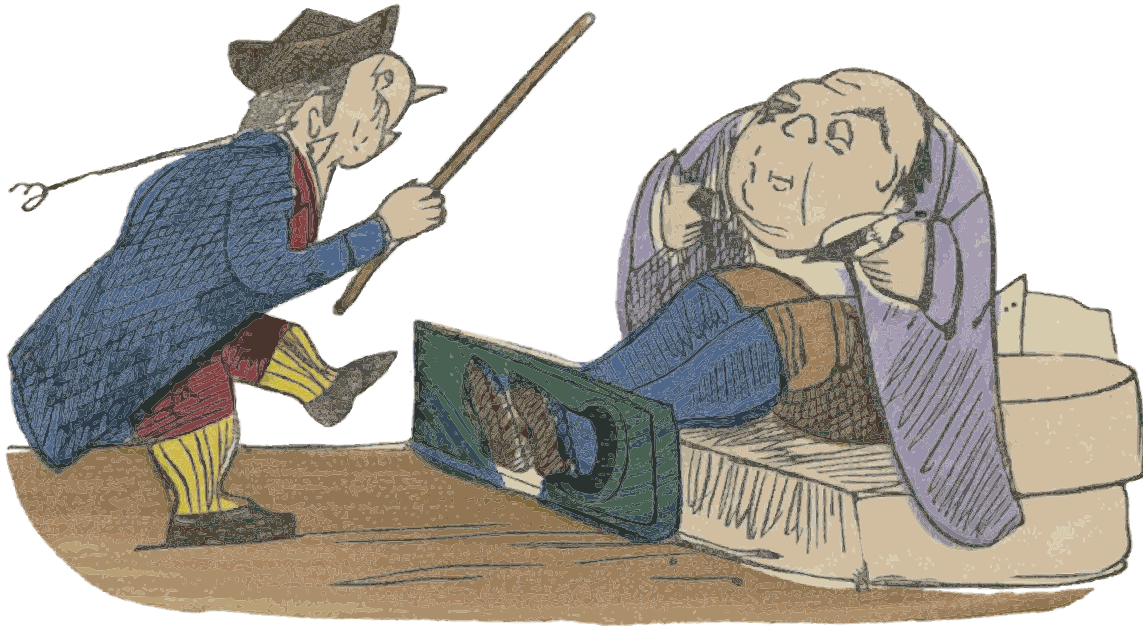
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There was a Young Lady of Wales,
Who caught a large Fish without scales;
When she lifted her hook, she exclaimed, "Only look!"
That ecstatic Young Lady of Wales.

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There was an Old Person of Cheadle,
Was put in the Stocks by the beadle;
For stealing some pigs, some coats, and some wigs,
That horrible Person of Cheadle.

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There was a Young Lady of Welling, whose praise all the world was a-telling;
She played on the Harp, and caught several carp,
That accomplished Young Lady of Welling.

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