

Edward Lear's NONSENSE LIMERICKS

BOOK 6



There was an Old Man on the Border, who lived in the utmost disorder;
He danced with the Cat, and made tea in his hat,
Which vexed all the folks on the Border.

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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*(The greater part of which were originally made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 dark ink, reading "Edward Lear". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the word "Lear".

London, 1862

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There was an Old Person of Fife,
Who was greatly disgusted with Life;
They sang him a ballad, and fed him on salad,
Which cured that Old Person of Fife.

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There was an Old Man who Screamed Out,
Whenever they knocked him about:
So they took off his Boots, and fed him with fruits,
And continued to knock him about.

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There was a Young Lady in White,
Who looked out at the depths of the night;
But the Birds of the air, filled her heart with despair,
And oppressed that Young Lady in White.

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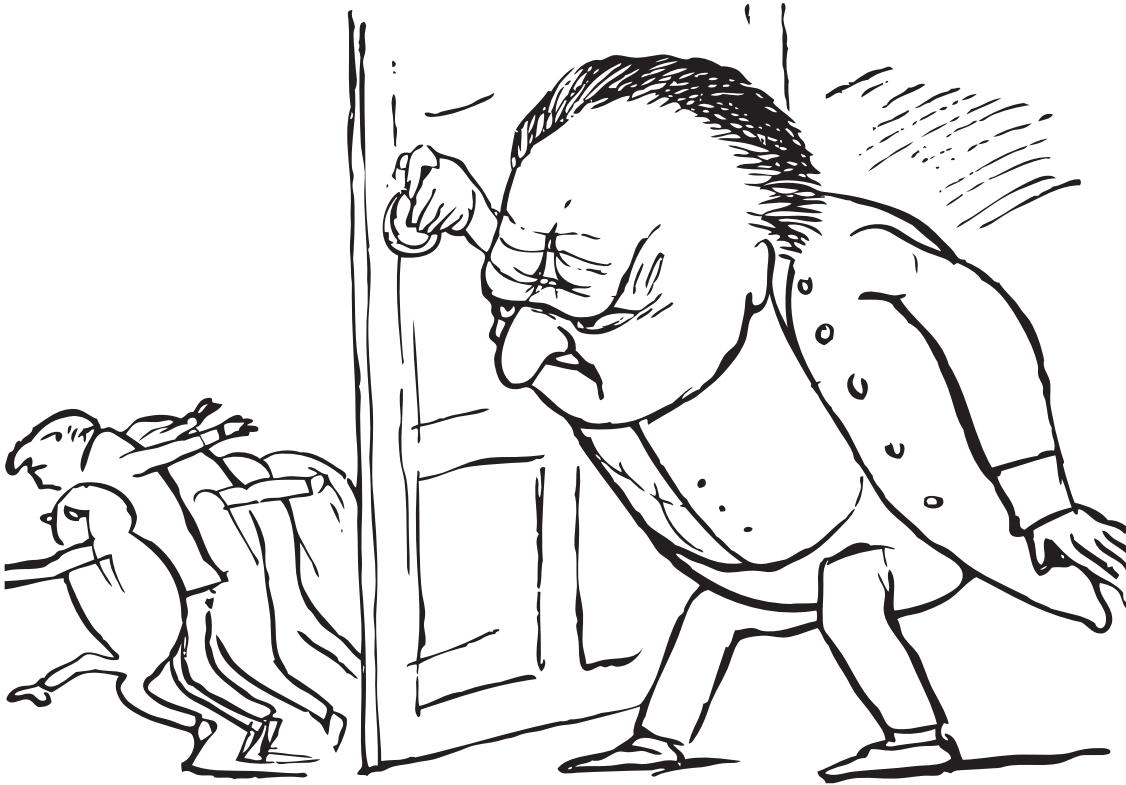
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There was an Old Person of Slough,
Who danced at the end of a Bough;
But they said, "If you sneeze, you might damage the trees,
You imprudent Old Person of Slough."

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There was an Old Person of Down,
Whose face was adorned with a Frown;
When he opened the door, for one minute or more,
He alarmed all the people of Down.

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There was a Young Person in Red,
Who carefully covered her Head,
With a bonnet of leather, and three lines of feather,
Besides some long ribbons of Red.

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There was an Old Person of Hove,
Who frequented the depths of a grove;
Where he studied his books, with the Wrens and the Rooks,
That tranquil Old Person of Hove.

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There was a Young Person in Pink,
Who called out for something to drink;
But they said, "O my daughter, there's nothing but Water!"
Which vexed that Young Person in Pink.

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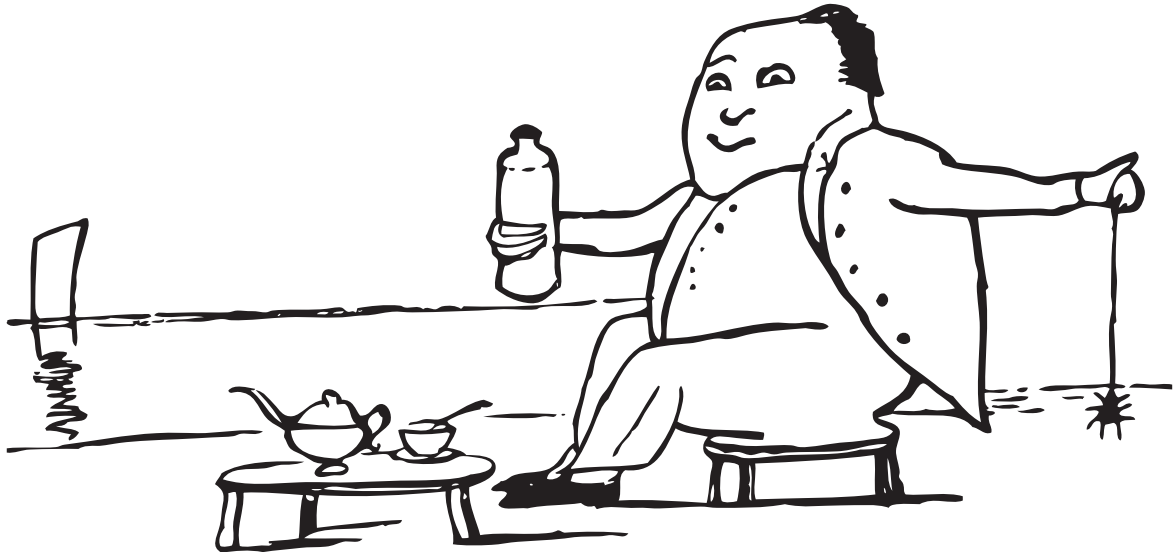
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There was an Old Lady of France,
Who taught little Ducklings to dance;
When she said, "Tick-a-tack!" they only said, "Quack!"
Which grieved that Old Lady of France.

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There was an Old Person of Putney,
Whose food was roast Spiders and chutney,
Which he took with his tea, within sight of the sea,
That romantic Old Person of Putney.

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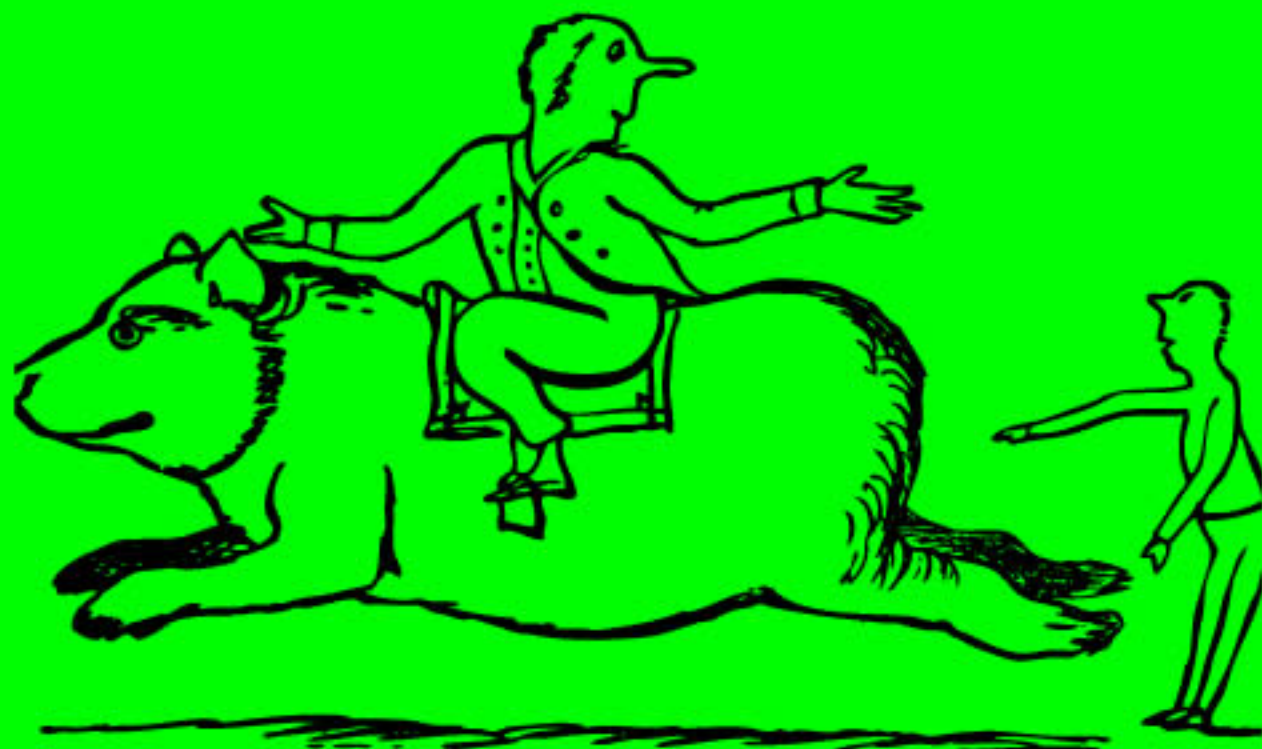
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There was an Old Person of Loo,
Who said, "What on Earth shall I do?"
When they said, "Go away!" she continued to stay,
That vexatious Old Person of Loo.

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There was an Old Person of Ware, who rode on the back of a Bear:
When they ask'd, "Does it trot?" He said, "Certainly not!"
He's a Moppsikon Floppsikon Bear!"

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