



Limerick

A comical form of poetry that rhymes.

The poem is written in **5 lines**. Lines 1, 2, and 5 have about 8-9 syllables.

Lines **3 and 4** are usually shorter than the other 3 lines (5-6 syllables).

The lines rhyme in this sequence **AABBA**. This means that lines one, two and five all rhyme with each other. Lines three and four also rhyme with each other.

Example:

There was a young fellow of Wheeling
Endowed with such delicate feeling
When he read on the door,
"Don't spit on the floor"
He jumped up and spat on the ceiling!
(Anonymous)