

Limerick

A limerick is a 5 line comic verse which follows the syllable pattern 8,8,6,6,8 and has the rhyme scheme a,a,b,b,a. The early limericks used to repeat line 1 in line 5, however more recent poets do not seem to follow this. Now try one of your own:

Line 1: 8 syllables (a)	There was an old hen named Hilary
Line 2: 8 syllables (a)	Who was as proud as proud can be
Line 3: 6 syllables (b)	She ate fat worms and seed
Line 4: 6 syllables (b)	And her chicks she did feed
Line 5: 8 syllables (a)	And then they'd rest under a tree..

Now try one of your own:

Line 1: 8 syllables (a)	
Line 2: 8 syllables (a)	
Line 3: 6 syllables (b)	
Line 4: 6 syllables (b)	
Line 5: 8 syllables (a)	

Illustrate:

