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Hear Ye , Hear Ye, … Some ‘Budding Bards’, privy to Ottawa Outlook, have recently helped provide requested limericks for a Bridal Shower. The output from these hidden talents was well received. As a result, we have decided to offer a new, free service. Read on.

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Limericks are fun. Limericks are easy to write. Let’s take an innocuous, five line one as an example.

*There was a young man named Perkins,.*

*who loved to eat little gherkins.*

*He went to a tea,*

*where he ate twenty-three*

*and they pickled his internal workins.*

Ok, so how do we get started? Well, … lines one and two contain 8 syllables and their endings rhyme. Number of syllables is not too important as long as meter is constant throughout, can be 7,8 or 9 whatever. We find it best to have line one end in a name. The last line should also rhyme with lines 1 & 2 and names are pretty easy to rhyme up with. Also, if one can’t find fitting rhymes with first or second names, injecting an initial may help. Ex: If plain *“Ken”* doesn’t work for you, make him *“Ken J”* Can adjust meter this way too. Initials may also be needed if one happens to know two weird people named Ken. (Good Heavens!)

Okay, … let’s begin. Select a target/victim person (heh, heh, heh), and identify a trait that friends would be apt to identify them with. Sort’a like cartooning, where any feature that is slightly different from the norm is emphasized. In our case, if you knew Perkins loved pickles, you would have the limerick half done If you can only think of one word which rhymes with Perkins, ‘Google’ *“words that rhyme”* and you’ll get all the help you need. Note also, that spelling can be used to make things rhyme. In some cases, … poor spellers write good limericks, per above last word ‘workins’.

Locations are also a good starting point and are sure to be rhymed up by Google. (Rhyming web sites need words that are in the dictionary.) Here is another example.

*There was a young man from Natchez.*

*Who’s clothes were all tattered and patches.*

*When comment arose*

*‘bout the state of his clothes,*

*He said “When I itches I scratches”*

Lines three & four will usually be one sentence broken into two lines whose endings rhyme. There you are, simple … try one.

Now you are probably thinking, “*Limericks? I’m supposed to write limericks?”.* Well, … not if you don’t want to. We are using the above as a preview to the announcement of a new service. ‘*Ottawa Outlook, nee North Hero News and World Review’* now offers to supply personalized, family-rated, **gratis limericks on demand**. We have a complement of five Bards standing by and our motto is: We’re **G.L.O.D** to help you. Ottawa Outlook Bards will be known by Nom De Plumes: Big Tuna, Mr. Recluse, Nutmeg, Poor Boy & String Man.

Forgot a Birthday? Missed an anniversary? Made a Faux Pas? Can’t get out to get a card? Just gives us the first four items below and anything else you think might help. G.L.O.D. will get back to you in a day or two.

Name\*

Sex\*

Approx age\*

Idiosyncrasy/Hang-up/Vices\*

Town

Prov/state

Occasion.

Humorous

Sentimental

Other

One last **G.L.O.D** fillips, … if you really want to impress someone, tell us what price you would like put on the card, like: $7.50 U.S., $9.25 CAN.

From Ottawa,

B.L.K.