

Examples of Limerick in Literature

Example #1

[Sings] And let me the canakin clink, clink;
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A soldier's a man;
A life's but a span;
Why, then, let a soldier drink.

Some wine, boys!

Example #2

There was an Old Man with a beard,
Who said, "It is just as I feared!
Two Owls and a Hen,
Four Larks and a Wren,
Have all built their nests in my beard!"

Example #3

There was an old man with a beard,
A funny old man with a beard
He had a big beard
A great big old beard
That amusing old man with a beard.

Example #4

A wonderful bird is the pelican,
His bill will hold more than his belican,
He can take in his beak
Enough food for a week
But I'm damned if I see how the helican!