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Limerick as a genre of English poetry.

Limericks are popular over the years. They are very important for English people. Certainly, limericks are very old. People don't know why a limerick is called a limerick. Limerick is a component of English humor and culture. The most famous town in Ireland was called Limerick. Also, people told that Irish soldiers sang the popular song "Will you come to Limerick?" There are different ideas of the origin of limericks. Limericks come from the Irish words "Laoimeidbreach" or "A merry lay". Also, they are funny songs. Limericks were made by Edward Lear. He was a famous author who wrote the "Book of Nonsense" in the 1800s.

Some years ago, journalists did not write such short melodies because Limericks were indecent. The reasons are:

- authors usually wrote about a bawdy thing.
- limericks were simple and short poems. They had only five lines.
- finally, the history of limerick had been criticized.

In fact, people can't write a good limerick. It is not an easy thing. But limerick has special rules: they consist of five lines;

lines 1, 2, and 5 of Limericks have seven to ten syllables and rhyme with one another.

lines 3 and 4 have five to seven syllables and also rhyme with each other.

Limericks start with the line "There once was a..." or "There was a..."

Translating limericks is a very interesting occupation. Limericks have been translated into many languages. S.Y. Marshak had the best translations. But other than that, writers have the secret of translation. The secrecy consists of the keeping rhyme. Sometimes, authors have to change «the geography» of limerick or the names of its characters, because they want to keep the poetic form of a limerick.

It is important to note that the third and fourth lines have only two feet of three syllables. The word "foot" of a limerick's is called the anapaest, (ta-ta-TUM). Also, limericks can be considered amphibrach (ta-TUM-ta). A novelist usually writes about people and places in the first line. In the second line he writes about the action of hero.

Limericks were used in Nursery Rhymes and other poems for children. It is easy to compose a bawdy limerick.

In conclusion, we can say that people can get accustomed to the English poetic folklore, develop skills in translation and write limericks. Limericks can be sometimes indecent, but they make people laugh. Limericks are the form of poetry. People feel happy when they try to write jokes. Limericks have survived in the course of time.

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