



LIMERICKS

Short five-line poems, humorous and often crude, usually trivial.

Lines 1, 2 & 5 have 7–10 syllables and rhyme, while lines 3 & 4 have 5–7 syllables and rhyme.

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A D V I S O R Y

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ACHERON SITREP

Weyland-Yutani Corporation:
Sorry we nuked your installation.

Marine Corporal Hicks
LV-426

P.S. – Ripley needs a vacation.



ADAPTING TO HELL

In Hell, some accursed adapt well;
They burn through their tasks and excel;
Amid the smoke and the flames,
They haul ash and take names,
And shrug off the sulfurous smell.



THE ARTISTIC DIVER

A diver, both artistic and bold,
With origami skills to behold,
Dismissed silly notions
That deep in the oceans
It's risky under pressure to fold.



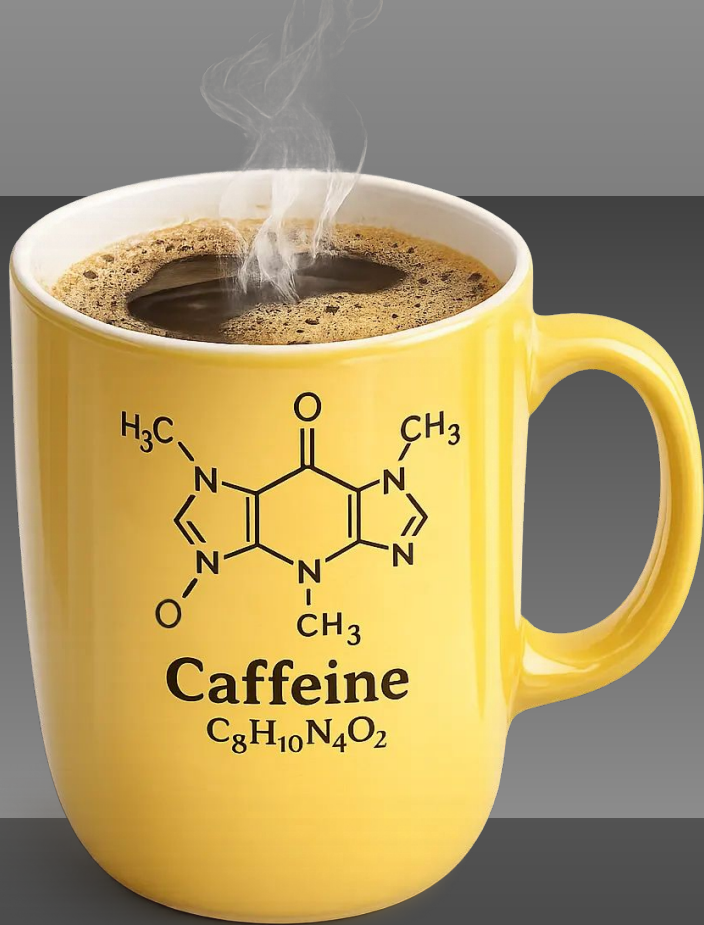
BARNACLE LIFE

Not long after barnacles hatch
They seek out a place to attach,
Where they live out their years
Stuck to ship hulls or piers,
Content with the plankton they catch.



BRAZEN GRAYSON

A vineyard owner named Grayson
Was unrepentantly brazen,
About the fact that it's fun
To leave grapes in the sun,
Even when there's not a good raisin.



CAFFEINE

The psychoactive substance, caffeine,
Is mostly derived from a bean
Or the *C. sinensis* tree,
If that's your cup of tea,
For your morning wake-up routine.



LEGAL CANNABIS

Only federal intercession
Can solve the the cannabis question;
To decriminalize weed
The bill in Congress would need
To handily pass a joint session.



THE CATFISH

Detractors are swift to malign
The catfish for traits un-feline:
For they've whiskers, but no fur,
Can't meow, lick or purr,
And live just the one life, not nine.



CHEF PAPADOPOULOS

The name of Chef Papadopoulos
In *haute cuisine* is synonymous
With taste and nutrition,
In fine Greek tradition,
Which makes him a gyro to all of us.



COLORBLIND BANK ROBBERS

The bank robbers' leader was candid:

“Gentlemen, it’s time we disbanded;

“As a colorblind lot,

“By the feds we’ll be caught

“With these redbacks completely green-handed!”



THE DOGFISH

Someone named the dogfish on a lark;
Neither dog nor boney fish, it's a shark;
It won't fetch or roll over
Or answer to "Rover"
And its bite is far worse than its bark.



EARL THE SQUIRREL

Earl the thrill-seeking squirrel's
Totally nuts about Tilt-A-Whirls;
So much so, that he spends
Entire weekends
Spinning round and around 'til he hurls.



EVERY MERMAID'S WISH

All mermaids share a prevalent wish:
To shed their parts that resemble a fish;
For often they worry,
That with rice and curry,
They make a savory seafood dish.



FIRST UNITS

Skynet's early terminators bore
A piss-poor neural net processor;
The first units went live
With Windows 95
And were rushed out the factory door.



FREE MARKET DEER

Free market deer run amok,
In a capitalist rut, they are stuck;
The males can't outgrow
Their quest for more doe
And the females just want a quick buck.



LE SABOTEUR

“Looks like a shit-and-run saboteur
“Has stopped up your toilet, *monsieur*;
“Since the culprit has fled,”
The French plumber said,
“I’ll unclog it *avec plongeur*.”



HONEY

Honeybees are one of the few
Bug species that humans pursue
For the reserves that they hoard,
Though the truth goes ignored:
They're barfing up nectar they chew.



NORDIC MOSQUITOES

Mosquitoes, called *mygg* in Old Norse,
Swarm in vast summer clouds, of course,
So, droll Nordic folks
Refer to them in jokes
As the “Royal Norwegian Air Force.”



PHARAOH'S DECREE

At the palace per pharaoh's decree,
The sacking started immediately;
Eunuchs learned, to their dismay,
They'd get no severance pay
According to staff-cutting policy.



REPLICATOR WOES

When Starfleet sent *Enterprise* into space,
The replicators worked well to replace
The uniforms for the crew,
Both the yellow and the blue,
But for reds, they couldn't keep pace.



ROBINS

On dewy grass, the robins meet
To claim the breakfast beneath their feet;
 Soon so full, they cannot chirp,
 They topple over with a burp
And dream about the worms they eat.



SARDINES

The harvesting of sardines began
With primitive, sea-faring Man,
Who found them delicious,
Abundant and nutritious,
And conveniently packed in a can.



SAM THE HORSE

Sam, a retired cavalry horse,
Longed to speak, but couldn't, of course;
So, in times of distress
He'd tap out "S.O.S."
With his teeth on a fence post in Morse.



THE RATFISH

These chimeras eat what they please,
Mostly crustaceans, not cheese;
They don't live in sewers,
And casual viewers
Can see that they don't carry fleas.



SAY “CHEESE”

Photographers use the phrase “Say ‘cheese’”
To prompt smiles with relative ease;
So, French youth, as an homage,
Mimic with “*C’est fromage,*”
But old-timers don’t get it, *quelle surprise.*



THE SHEPHERD ACADEMY

Always at the shepherders' school
There's at least one provincial fool,
Who's indulged his obsession
To join the profession,
Despite being allergic to wool.



STARSHIP TROOPERS

The troopers of the Mobile Infantry
Were torn to pieces in the AQZ

For in space and on the ground

No human brains could be found

Except inside that bug on Planet P.



THUNDER LIZARD

For a century, the Brontosaur
Was considered an Apatosaur
Until evidence proved
The old girl should be moved
Back to her own genus as before.



TREK DOCTOR'S VICES

The Doctor's vices hedonic
Made him a holo-syntheholic,
Who abused without fail
His favorite cocktail:
Replicated gin and faux tonic.



TYRANNOSAURUS

In a Montana dinosaur pit,
Among the old rocks, dirt and grit,
The copious *T. rex* scat
At the dig site proves that
Coprolite is some real heavy shit



UGH. WALKING.

Walking to get around is banal;
At best, it's a laborious crawl;
Compared to airplanes
Cars, rockets or trains,
It's the most pedestrian of all.



UNSAVORY ANTELOPES

Most antelopes, feel the Zulus,
Such as impalas or kudus,
Aren't as unsavory, at least,
As the herds of wildebeest
That are uniformly bad gnus.



VULTURE AIR TRAVEL

Back when restrictions were few,
Vultures on the savannah flew
Fully laden with meat,
But they no longer eat
More carrion items than two.



ZOË'S PARAMOUR

Dim-witted Zoë wanders Staines
Holding hands with her lover's remains
With him being undead,
She's sure, though it's unsaid,
That he now finds attractive her brains.