

Limerick

Playing the Game

There was a grandpa from Corvallis.
who forgot to take his digitalis.
when he played basketball
it became his downfall.
His grandson got only a callous.

Limerick: Short, often nonsensical or funny poem. Most limericks are five lines.
Rhyme scheme: a-a-b-b-a. Syllable Count: 9-9-6-6-9.

The Man in the Moon

When the moon climbs up in the sky,
we rush out to glimpse with our eye
the crater like spots
the place of moon shots
like chicken-pox dots
these lunar blots
speckle and freckle the moon guy.

Extended Limerick: Adds two additional middle lines. Not as strict syllable count.
A variation.

Not Ignited

A depressed Sylvia Plath
died because of Ted's wrath.
Blood-jet of poetry goes
when gas-jet overflows.
Why did she choose that flight path?

Loose Limerick: Irregular syllable count but regular rhyme scheme.