



LIMERICK CONTEST ENTRY FORM

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Limerick Title: _____

Age Range (Circle One): Under 12 years 13-19 years 20+years

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Enter by email jennifer@larsonfamilywinery.com, and put LIMERICK CONTEST in the subject line, or drop your entry off at the LFW tasting room at 23355 Millerick Road, Sonoma, CA. You may also mail in the entries to: GET LUCKY AT LARSON LIMERICK CONTEST, 23355 Millerick Road, Sonoma, CA 95476, Attn: Jennifer. Due by March 1st @ 5:00PM.

Definition of Limerick:

A limerick is a five-line poem of uncertain origin, but may be from a nonsense-verse party game, which ended in a refrain asking, "Will you come up to Limerick?"

The first collection of limericks appeared in the early 1800s, and Edward Lear is credited with making them popular in *A Book of Nonsense*.

Form:

Poems must be five lines that rhyme *aabba*. The first line usually introduces a person, place, or thing, with that subject usually appearing in the fifth line as a conclusion. The final line often distinguishes different types of limericks, such as:

- 1) First and last lines are identical. (Think of the Mother Goose rhyme "Hickory Dickory, Dock!")
- 2) First and last lines are different, but their rhyme word is the same.
- 3) First and last lines are entirely different.

References:

Lear, Edward: *A Book of Nonsense*. Metropolitan Museum of Art and Viking Press, 1980.

Steele, Timothy: *All the fun's in how you say a thing*. Ohio University Press, 1999.

Wikipedia: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Limerick_\(poetry\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Limerick_(poetry))