

# LIMERICKS & TRIMERICKS

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## **TRIMERICKS**

I was introduced to limericks by my father when I was still very young. He taught me that they had an AABBA rhyming structure, that they did not need to be vulgar or crude and that musical cadence was more important than strict syllable count. We spent many hours reading and writing limericks for our own enjoyment.

This book contains a new development which I am sure he would have enjoyed - the *trimerick* where we have three related limericks as one unit with the story or theme flowing from one to the next. It started because I wanted to say more than five lines could contain and having developed the concept, we have used it for many of the poems in this volume.

I hope you enjoy our work.

Greg Duncan



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## **A BOTTLE OF WINE**

A bottle of wine with each meal  
Can alter the way that you feel  
But if like a lush  
You drink in a rush  
You may lose your intrinsic appeal



## **AFTER EFFECTS**

As I lay this morning in bed  
With a stomach that felt full of lead  
I had time to think  
On the evils of drink  
And the pain that I had in my head



## **BEING IN HOSPITAL**

Being ill is a terrible curse  
And I thought it could not get worse  
Then early this morning  
Without any warning  
I threw up all over the nurse

You would think one day I would learn  
That needles give me a bad turn  
It's not just the size  
That's popping my eyes  
The target is cause for concern

As I lay in my hospital bed  
They pricked me to see if I bled  
They pulled at my nose  
And tickled my toes  
Oh damn — they think I am dead

## **MANAGER FROM TOULOUSE**

A hedge fund manager from Toulouse  
Is now broke and addicted to booze  
He said it's not funny  
When you lose your own money  
'Cause you cannot see through your own ruse

## WASHING UP

When you finish a sumptuous meal  
Washing up has little appeal  
And you pine for the days  
Of the old student ways  
When washing up was not part of the deal

## DISH WASHING TIME

Though some people think it's a bore  
Washing dishes is never a chore  
It gives me the time  
To think up a rhyme  
That goes with the previous four



## **SQUARE WHEELS**

I find wheels which are perfectly round  
Are quiet as they roll on the ground  
For if they were square  
With flat sides in the air  
They would make a most terrible sound





### **LEARNING TO WRITE**

*My daughter is learning to write  
She practices all through the night  
But I have to confess  
It's a terrible mess  
She'd do better if she put on the light*

### **A LIMERICK A DAY**

*My doctor has told me to write  
A limerick before sleep at night  
But many's the time  
When I'm stuck for a rhyme  
My wife, she turns out the light*

## DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to Greg's father,  
Prof A.R.C.Duncan, who introduced him to limericks.

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