

Limericks From Lear

There was an old man with a beard,
Who said, 'It is just what I feared!
Two owls and a hen,
Four Larks and a Wren
Have all built their nests in my beard!'

There was an old man who said,
'How shall I flee from this horrible cow?
I will sit on this style
And continue to smile,
Which may soften the heart of that cow'.

There was an old lady whose folly
Induced her to sit in a holly:
Whereupon by a thorn
Her dress being torn
She quickly became melancholy.

There was an old man who said
'Hush! I perceive a young bird in this bush',
When they said 'is it small?'
He replied, 'Not at all!
It is four times as big as the bush'.

There was an old man in a tree,
Who was horribly bored by a bee,
When they said, 'Does it buzz?'
He replied, 'Yes it does!
It's a regular brute of a bee!'

by Edward Lear