

Limerdromes

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These limericks, such as they are
End in palindromes, many fetched-far
You'll find clues in the rhyme
And elsewhere, though the meter doesn't come out exactly right every time
Try this, for example: RACECAR

A gnat with a taste for Egg Foo Young
Gathered 'gredients when he 'round the zoo hung
He's a true connoisseur
Of exotic manure
And especially partial to GNU DUNG

A gander considers it odd
That through this existence he should plod
He's unusually quizzical
Of things metaphysical
And wonders, DO GEESE SEE GOD?

At the number restaurant there's a guy
Who asked me what number I'd try
"Perhaps you'd like e
Or a Fibonacci?"
"No thank you, I PREFER PI"

In some sports they consider it rude
But depending on the judge's mood
You can earn his good favor
With a gift he can savor
By all means DO OFFER A REF FOOD

(A rare pentameter limerick)
Few know this Jedi's love of numbers, but
Must his life by Darth be shortly cut?
His saber made a eunuch
And he an empty TUNIC?
CAN OBI FALL? A FIBONACCI NUT?

Down in Texas, near old Mexico
There's a town so dry maples don't grow
Cowpokes in their stirrups
Sorely do miss their syrups
And lament "O SAPLESS EL PASO!"

I once knew an incurable slob
Who refused to consider a job
It's not whether to work
For this lazy jerk
But whether to BORROW OR ROB

A harassed editor had a row
With an author as slow as a cow
"Miss deadlines? I don't! It
Will be late, now WON'T IT?"
I'M BUSY! SUBMIT IT NOW!"

A squirrel under the spell of Luna
Thought he was the big kahuna
So he with a cat made
An incredible trade:
A NUT FOR A JAR OF TUNA

Said Lewinski, a friend of Ms. Tripp's
"I've a problem for which I need tips
I'm of age, let me stress
So that stain on my dress
Is SPILLAGE LOST AT SO LEGAL LIPS"

In Chernobyl, a mutated dove
Fell head over heels for a glove
Thought she, "this I'll solve
I just need to EVOLVE.
I KNOW IT. I WON KIEV LOVE!"

A Canadian zoo man named Jay
Made an error that plagues him today
Working under the auspices
Of misclassified ostriches
HE'D ASSUMED EMUS. SAD, EH?

A mom took her baby quite hyper
To the store and attempted to wipe her
For the bottle to prep
She called out to the REP,
"AID A NIPPLE. HELP PIN A DIAPER!"

In a small town, a mean girl would sit
In a crevasse in which she just fit
Because of this trait
The townsfolk couldn't wait
'TIL SNIDE VILLAGE GAL LIVED IN SLIT

The day after I lost my job
I had brunch with higher-ups to hobnob
Feeling I'd run the gauntlet
BOSSES ORDERED AN OMELETTE,
LEMONADE, RED ROSES (SOB).

"Ms. Fitzgerald!" cried the embarrassed fella
"I'm battling my former wife, Stella
"I caught her in bed
"ALL EXES WAR. WAS I RED?
NO WONDER! I SAW RAW SEX, ELLA!"

Additional Clues

Each clue below clues a word in the palindrome,
though not in any particular order.

Said Lewinski...
of age, misplaced

In Chernobyl...
achieved victory, city near Chernobyl

A Canadian...
Oft-used utterance in Canada,
presupposed, misclassified ostriches

A mom...
bottle part

In a small town...
small town, mean, narrow crevasse

The day after...
brunch entrée, higher-ups

"Ms. Fitzgerald...
Ms. Fitzgerald, color of embarrassment,
battle, former spouses, act in which one
is caught in bed