

# 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: 7

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 3 4

A gander considers it odd  
That through this existence he should plod  
He's unusually quizzical  
Of things metaphysical  
And wonders, 2 5 3 \*3?

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, \*1 6 2"

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 2 5 1 3 4

(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 5?  
3 \*3 4? 1 \*9 3?

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 "1 7 \*2 \*4!"

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 6 2 3

A harassed editor had a row  
With an author as slow as a cow  
"Miss deadlines? I don't! It  
Will be late, now 3'1 2?"  
\*1'1 4! 6 2 3!"

A squirrel under the spell of Luna  
Thought he was the big kahuna  
So he with a cat made  
An incredible trade:  
1 3 3 1 3 2 4

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 8 4 2 2 5 4"

### 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

In Chernobyl, a mutated dove  
Fell head over heels for a glove  
Thought she, "this I'll solve  
I just need to 6.  
\*1 4 2. \*1 3 \*4 4!"

A Canadian zoo man named Jay  
Made an error that plagues him today  
Working under the auspices  
Of misclassified ostriches  
2'1 7 4. 3, 2?

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 3,  
"3 1 6, 4 3 1 6!"

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  
'3 5 7 3 5 2 4

The day after I lost my job  
I had brunch with higher-ups to hobnob  
Feeling I'd run the gauntlet  
6 7 2 8,  
8, 3 5 (3).

"Ms. Fitzgerald!" cried the embarrassed fella  
"I'm battling my former wife, Stella  
"I caught her in bed  
"3 4 3. 3 \*1 3?  
2 5! \*1 3 3 3, \*4!"