

## Chapter 1 : Medieval Joke Poetry : Benjamin Liu :

*Medieval poetry can be a daunting field to dip into (to mix our metaphors terribly). Although Chaucer's Canterbury Tales and Dante's Divine Comedy are masterpieces and essential reading, perhaps the best route into medieval poetry -*

When asked, "Do they tear? If read from the last line up, however, it "obeys. To show the flexibility of the limerick form, it has often been used for political purposes, and to expose, satirize and savage charlatans. Here are two such limericks of mine: Baked Alaskan There is a strange yokel so flirty she makes whores seem icons of purity. Copyright by Michael R. The most common form of the limerick is a stanza of five lines, in which the first, second and fifth lines rhyme with each another and have three feet of three syllables each, while the third and fourth lines rhyme with each other, but are shorter, having only two feet of three syllables. However, as you can see from the last two poems by Nash and my poems directly above, there are other variations of the form. However, this repetition of one rhyme word is not common in more modern limericks. Expanded History of the Limerick: The origin of the name "limerick" for this humorous poetic form is still being debated. The term was first officially documented in England in , in the New English Dictionary, but the form itself is much older. There was a young rustic named Mallory, who drew but a very small salary. When he went to the show, his purse made him go to a seat in the uppermost gallery. The earliest published American limerick appeared in in the Princeton Tiger: There once was a man from Nantucket Who kept all his cash in a bucket. But his daughter, named Nan, Ran away with a man And as for the bucket, Nantucket. Related "sequels" were soon published. Of these, two of the most famous appeared, respectively, in the Chicago Tribune and the New York Press: But he followed the pair to Pawtucket, The man and the girl with the bucket; And he said to the man, He was welcome to Nan, But as for the bucket, Pawtucket. Then the pair followed Pa to Manhasset, Where he still held the cash as an asset; But Nan and the man Stole the money and ran, And as for the bucket, Manhasset. There continue to be modern sequels, including this bawdy one of mine: There was a lewd whore from Nantucket who intended to pee in a bucket; but being a man she missed the damn can and her rattled john fled, crying: There once was a man from Nantucket Whose schlong was so long he could sucket He said with a grin Wiping spunk off his chin "If my ear were a cunt I could fucket! It appears that during his stays at Knowsley Hall in the s, he discovered a book, Anecdotes and Adventures of Fifteen Gentlemen, which contained limericks published by John Marshall in Two similar books had been published around the same time: It seems likely that these books employed a form that was already popular at the time, and that Lear liked the form and began using it himself. This is an example of their repartee: To which MacCraith replied: You boast yourself handy At selling good ale and bright Brandy, But the fact is your liquor Makes everyone sicker; I tell you this, I, your friend, Andy". But where did they discover the limerick? It may be possible that in the early s soldiers returning from the War of the Spanish Succession brought the limerick to Ireland from the European mainland. One possible route is through France. Then in , Charles Perrault published the first Mother Goose collection of rhymes and folk tales, essentially creating the literary fairy tale genre. It has been suggested that the limerick originated in France during the Middle Ages. The lion is wondrous strong And full of the wiles of wo; woe And whether he pleye play Or take his preye prey He cannot do but slo. Svmer is icumen in.

### Chapter 2 : Medieval Poems - Modern Award-winning Medieval Poetry : All Poetry

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The hand of Charlemagne, I serve my liege. My fearsome task is rooted in my faith. But sly Marsilion, their wily king has sent word to our valiant Emperor that he will soon surrender at his feet and furthermore pay tribute, all in gold. The treasure of the mongrels is for naughtâ€™ there is a greater prize at play, I fear. The souls of all the Muslims are to gain for God Almighty, if the King converts. To see His will done here on earth, I pledge to see my task through and deliver them. I trust he will deliver on his task and peace will come to all the Frankish lands. The emperor retreats now back to Aix: My rear guard held, I muster up my troops. Olivier, my dearest trusted friend, protects my flank and keeps watch on the hill. At Roncevaux, tonight no blood will spill. You say you see an onslaught bigger than the wrath of God descending from the mountains to the west? An army of the enemy, you say? They dare betray their promise to relent? I will not sound the horn, Olivier! The emperor is many leagues aheadâ€™ if we act now, they will not pose a threat. My men were slaughtered, few but me remain, and so to warn my lord, the Emperor, I clutch my horn and with my last breath, blow. It is as angels filled my failing lungs, for Olifant sounds loud and strong and true. They will return and I will be avenged, and Ganelon will pay his treachery. A pagan raider sees me blow my hornâ€™ his scimitar is drawn to cleave my head. I see the hand of God reach down to take my soul to paradiseâ€™ and then I die. Based on the early French chanson de geste, La Chanson de Roland, but in first person. Just for the contest host.

## Chapter 3 : The Best Limericks of All Time

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They were used mostly in church and other religious events. Medieval poems were mainly read by troubadours and minstrels. According to scholars, literature in the Middle Ages was international rather than local. Medieval poetry was divided by lines of class and audience rather than language although, Latin was the language of the church and education. Medieval poetry in itself was very diverse. Medieval Poems – History Medieval poetry was divided into periods and styles. The 3rd and 4th centuries were called Patristic Latin times. This period marked the beginning of Christian poetry as inspired by the works for St. Ambrose, who wrote poetry mostly for the church. Monastic Period was the period where the desire for Latin poems had increased. However, between the 7th and 10th centuries, poems written did not have much originality. Most of the poems imitations of Christian songs. The Revival of Latin Literature between the 11th and 12th century brought about secular medieval poetry as well as new forms and styles of writing medieval poems. It was during this period when epics, satires, epigrams, elegies and tales were written and became very popular. The 12th and 13th centuries were marked by the increase in education and the churches control over it. It was called the Scholastic period. During this time, medieval religious poems flourished. It was also marked by the appearance of mystical, passionate and personal medieval poems. Poems during the medieval era were religious in nature and written by clerics. They were used mostly in church and other religious events Medieval Latin Poems Latin was the most common and adopted language of the medieval period. This was the primary language use for instruction and by the church. However, after the 11th century, French became the dominant language especially of the European secular culture. When Edward, the Prince of Wales took the King of France as prisoner, he had more in common with the royals than that of the English people. During his time, King Arthur became internationally known for his adventures and gallantry through medieval poems, tales and stories. Several secular medieval poems during the medieval period were also written in Latin. Medieval songs were also written in Latin, such as the Christian hymns and other melodies, which included love songs and ballads. They were passed on by mouth from generation to generation by travelling musicians called troubadours and minstrels. These aristocratic men were poets who were originally from the southern part of France. They were also referred to as Trouveres. Poems during the medieval period were perpetually linked with music, even the legendary tales of King Arthur and the Knights of the Roundtable were said to have originated from the music and poetry of the English and Welsh Bards, which eventually were included in the lyrics of these travelling musicians. It must be noted however, that Latin and French were the distinct languages for literature during these times. It was only until King Henry IV that English was adopted as a language in England as it was for the royalty at that time. Famous Medieval Poems Even though some medieval poetry was not recorded and was only passed on verbally there are still many examples of medieval poetry, here are some of the best ones written during the medieval period: Carmina Burana was a collection of poems and dramatic text from the 11th century. Most of these poems were satirical and irreverent, written in Latin, German and Old French. Cambridge Songs was a collection of Goliardic Medieval Latin poems. These songs were written shortly after the Norman Conquest in and were collected by an English scholar who travelled across Europe. This was the oldest surviving French literary work. Beowulf was an old English epic. It consisted of more than alliterative long times. According to scholars, it may be the oldest surviving piece of Old English long poem. The Canterbury Tales was a collection of more than 20 stories written in Middle English by Geoffrey Chaucer towards the end of the 14th century. Medieval songs were usually poems turned into songs, since the primary mode of passing on the poems from one generation to another was through the travelling musicians Medieval Poem Songs Medieval songs were usually poems turned into songs, since the primary mode of passing on the poems from one generation to another was through the travelling musicians who incorporated these poems to their lyrics. After the fall of the Roman Empire, music and poetry had declined. However, in certain parts of Southern England and France, some courageous poets continued to

write words to music and spread them to different villages. This has further ignited the Provençal troubadour movement, which marked the beginning of modern lyric-based songs and music. Famous Medieval Poets There were several well-known authors and poets throughout the medieval period. Here are some of them: Caedmon He was known to be the only Anglo-Saxon poet who was primarily known for his ability to write vernacular verses. Venerable Bede who was also known as St. Bede, was widely acknowledged as the greatest Anglo-Saxon scholar of all time. Bede wrote the Ecclesiastical History of England. Geoffrey Chaucer October 25, He has written several English poems in his lifetime. However, he was best known for the famous Canterbury Tales. He was considered the greatest poet who wrote in English. Margery Kempe c was a Christian mystic and was known to be the first who wrote autobiographies in English. Francesco Petrarch July 20, July 19, was an Italian scholar and poet during the Renaissance period. Dante Alighieri He was a philosopher, scholar and poet. William Longland c c famous for Vision of Piers Plowman. Boccaccio He was the Italian correspondent of Francesco Petrarch. Raphael Holinshed c He was a famous English chronicler. According to historians, he was the one major source of some Shakespearean plays. Medieval Poems The Canterbury tales was written by Geoffrey Chaucer and is a collection of 20 short medieval stories. Short Medieval Poems On the contrary, not all medieval poems are lengthy and daunting to read. Medieval Love Poems Medieval Love Poems revolved around courtly love and it has introduced the culture of romance and love to the middle ages. This phenomenon has spread throughout Europe and caused a shift in literature and social traditions. Before mid-th century, medieval poetry rarely mentioned love and romance as they were mostly about religion and its teachings. It was only after a decade, when passionate love stories began to flourish and were adapted. Stories of combat and war were eventually replaced with tales of love and women were exalted to higher status. Medieval Poem Beowulf Medieval Poems Summary Medieval Poetry was very diverse as there are several influences, not only limited to language. Medieval Poems, especially in creative medieval literature, flourished more in vernacular language as these were the most easy to understand for medieval people. These were medieval poems written in native language as opposed to scholarly languages. However, the most common theme or genre for medieval poetry was bravery, gallantry and heroic deeds written in various formats.

### Chapter 4 : History Jokes, Short Funny Stories and Famous Anecdotes

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### Chapter 5 : Medieval Joke Poetry He Benjamin Liu | Harvard University Press

*The Cantigas d'Escarnho e de Mal Dizer is a collection of songs composed by various authors written in Iberia in the 13th and 14th centuries. The songs are full of humour, witticisms, insults and jokes that poke fun at, and conceal more serious attacks.*

### Chapter 6 : Medieval Quotes ( quotes)

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### Chapter 8 : Medieval poetry - Wikipedia

*Medieval Poems. Below are examples of poems about medieval. This list of poetry about medieval is made of PoetrySoup member poems. Read short, long, best, famous, and modern examples of medieval poetry. This list of works about medieval is a great resource for examples of medieval poems and show how.*

### Chapter 9 : Short Medieval Poems - Examples

*Medieval Joke Poeln contains an introduction, seven chapters (chapter seven constitutes the conclusion), a bibliography: the book has no index. In chapter one, "Proper Names, Equivocation, and Escandio", Liu analyzes the "curse" against someone, which is the central joint of the CEM.*