

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!"

- Edward Lear

A flea and a fly in a flue
Were imprisoned, so what could they do?
Said the fly, "let us flee!"
"Let us fly!" said the flea.
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.

—Ogden Nash

A wonderful bird is the pelican
His bill can hold more than his belican
He can take in his beak
Food enough for a week
But I'm damned if I see how the helican

- Dixon Merritt

There was an old man of St. Bees
Who was horribly stung by a wasp
When they said, "does it hurt?"
He replied, "no, it doesn't –
It's a good job it wasn't a hornet"

- W. S. Gilbert (after Lear)

I'd rather have fingers than toes,
I'd rather have ears than a nose;
As for my hair,
I'm glad it's still there,
I'll be terribly sad when it goes.

- Gellert Burgess

There was a young man of Devizes,
Whose ears were of different sizes;
The one that was small
Was no use at all,
But the other won several prizes.

- Archibald Marshall

There was an old man from Calcutta
Who coated his tonsils in butter;
Thus converting his snore
From a thunderous roar
To a soft oleagenous mutter.

- Ogden Nash

Said Plato: 'The things that we feel
Are not ontologically real,
But just the excrescence
Of numinous essence
Our senses can never reveal.'

- Basil Ransome-Davies

There was a young person of Leigh
Who was either a he or a she;
I think it's terrific
To be non-specific
Gender-wise, don't you agree?

- Basil Ransome-Davies

The marriage of poor Kim Kardashian
Was krushed like a kar in a krashian.
Her Kris kried, "Not fair!
Why kan't I keep my share?"
But Kardashian fell klean outa fashion.

- Salman Rushdie

There was a young man of Japan,
Who wrote verses that never would scan.
When folk told him so,
He replied: 'Yes, I know,
But I always try and get as many words into the
last line as I possible can.

- Anon

$$\frac{12 + 144 + 20 + 3\sqrt{4}}{7} + (5 \times 11) = 9^2 + 0$$

Translation:

A dozen, a gross, and a score
Plus three times the square root of four
Divided by seven
Plus five times eleven
Is nine squared and not a bit more.