

# Edward Lear

## Quotes

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There was an old man with a beard, who said: 'It is just as I feared!  
Two owls and a hen, four larks and a wren have all built their nests in  
my beard.

~Edward Lear

It's a fact the whole world knows, That Pobbles are happier without  
their toes.

~Edward Lear

It takes a long time to make a painter - even with a good artist's  
education - but without one it tries the patience of Job; it is a great thing  
if one does not go backward.

~Edward Lear

They danced by the light of the moon.

~Edward Lear

I am in a very unsettled condition, as the oyster said when they poured  
melted butter all over his back.

~Edward Lear

There was an Old Person of Brussels, Who lived upon Brandy and  
Mussels; When he rushed through the town, he knocked most people  
down, Which distressed all the people of Brussels.

~Edward Lear

There was an Old Man of Messina, Whose daughter was named  
Opsibeen; She wore a small wig, and rode out on a pig, To the perfect  
delight of Messina.

~Edward Lear

They went to sea in a sieve, they did; In a sieve they went to sea; In  
spite of all their friends could say.

~Edward Lear

And what can we expect if we haven't any dinner, But to lose our teeth and eyelashes and keep on growing thinner?

~Edward Lear

In the middle of the woods Lived the Yonghy-Bonghy-Bo. Two old chairs and half a candle, One old jug without a handle- These were all the worldly goods.

~Edward Lear

They dined on mince, and slices of quince, Which they ate with a runcible spoon; And hand in hand, on the edge of the sand, They danced by the light of the moon.

~Edward Lear

There was an old man of Orleans, Who was given to eating of beans; Till once out of sport, he swallowed a quart, That dyspeptic old man of Orleans.

~Edward Lear

I was much distressed by next door people who had twin babies & played the violin: but one of the twins died, & the other has eaten the fiddle " so all is peace.

~Edward Lear

Who, or why, or which, or what, Is the Akhond of Swat?

~Edward Lear

When awful darkness and silence reign Over the great Gromboolian plain, Through the long, long wintry nights.

~Edward Lear

There was a Young Person in pink, Who called out for something to drink; But they said, 'O my daughter, there's nothing but water!' Which vexed that Young Person in pink.

~Edward Lear

The owl and the pussycat went to sea, / In a beautiful pea green boat. /  
They took some honey, and plenty of money, / Wrapped up in a five  
pound note.

~Edward Lear

And if you voz to see my roziz As is a boon to all men's noziz, - You'd  
fall upon your back and scream - " Lawk! O criky! it's a dream!"

~Edward Lear

There was a Young Lady of Poole, Whose soup was excessively cool;  
So she put it to boil, by the aid of some oil, That ingenious Young Lady  
of Poole.

~Edward Lear

There was an Old Person of Bray, Who sang through the whole of the  
day To his ducks and his pigs, whom he fed upon figs, That valuable  
Person of Bray.

~Edward Lear

What will happen to me, as the oyster said when he very inadvertently  
swallowed the gooseberry bush, nobody can tell.

~Edward Lear

There was an Old Man of the East, Who gave all his children a feast;  
But they all ate so much, and their conduct was such, That it killed that  
Old Man of the East.

~Edward Lear

There was an Old Man with an owl, Who continued to bother and howl;  
He sate on a rail, and imbibed bitter ale, Which refreshed that Old Man  
and his owl.

~Edward Lear

There was an Old Man of Columbia, Who was thirsty, and called out for some beer; But they brought it quite hot, in a small copper pot, Which disgusted that Man of Columbia.

~Edward Lear

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