

Purim limericks -- 2016

Eight of the following limericks are Ahasuerus limericks, written from his perspective -- for Purim March 24, 2005 – these are marked \*. The other five limericks, marked \*\*\*, were written for Purim 2014

**Read between Chapter 1 and Chapter 2**

\*To commemorate year three of my rule  
A long drinking party would really be cool  
I'll have so much to drink  
that I won't be able to think,  
And just maybe I'll act like a fool.

\*I have ordered my wife to appear  
to dance before all the noblemen here  
You say she's refused?  
She asks to be excused?  
Hah! I'll throw her **\*out\*** on her ear.

\*The old queen I'll replace by a new  
But in town there are girls far too few  
I'll search far and wide  
for the perfect new bride ...  
I'll check out the imperfect ones too.

\*My interview process is rather thorough  
going from evening until the morrow  
It requires concentration  
and deep penetration ...  
I look forward to the next girl tomorrow.

\*\*\*Esther's audition lasted all night,  
from sundown all the way to daylight.  
The script we don't know,  
or what talents Esther had to show.  
But we can be sure she did it just right.

**The following limerick is read after Chapter 3**

\*My minister wants to get rid of the Jews  
since obeying us they do refuse  
He offers me silver and gold  
to kill them all, young and old  
What have I got to lose?

**The following six limericks are read between Chapter 4 and Chapter 5**

\*\*\*This is why you became the queen  
Now, said Mordechai, you must come clean:  
    Tell the king that you are a Jew,  
    That Haman will kill your people ... and you.  
And that he must reverse the evil decree.

\*\*\*Although she hesitated once or twice,  
Esther accepted Mordechai's advice  
    For three days, she did fast and pray  
    She approached him the very next day,  
Though she knew she was risking her life.

\*\*\*Uninvited, you don't visit the king;  
to do so would be a dangerous thing.  
    But if his scepter is raised,  
    your life will be saved.  
So Esther, she gave it a fling.

\*(What a wonderful day this has been  
I was visited by my beautiful queen  
    Of her I am fond  
    So I extended my wand  
She touched it and ... oh, what a scene!

\*I'm so in love with her, you can plainly see,  
that I'll do whatever she asks of me  
    When she makes a request  
    I will tell her with zest  
"Half the kingdom I will give to thee."

\*She asked me to come for a drink,  
I responded with a very quick wink.  
    Then she invited my minister  
    Was this something sinister?  
I didn't know what to think.

\*But it turned out to be ok  
Her flirtations were all coming my way  
    At the end of each dish,  
    I asked her "What do you wish?"  
She said "I'll tell you the very next day."

**The following limerick comes after Chapter 7.**

\*\*\*What could be worse than being denounced,  
the phrase "you evil rotten man" being announced?  
    Worse is falling on the bed  
    where the queen lays her head.  
Your death sentence will surely be pronounced.