**A LIMERICK CHALLENGE, A-Z**

I give you the first two lines of a potential limerick. Send me a finished one!

**Three Rules & A Suggestion**, if you want me to post yours:

RULE ONE: *scan* it properly, and follow limerick form.

RULE TWO: be witty, or somewhat interesting, or at least intelligible.

RULE THREE: pay attention to the two lines provided to you—but you may modify them in order to get a better RULE TWO result. (Those last three lines can be near impossible if you can't mess with the set-up.)

SUGGESTION: Title it. Titles can spackle over the "intelligibility" gaps; they can help out both you and your reader. They can also be fun in their own right.

ANDERS

A Swedish policeman named Anders,

To clear the crime scene of bystanders,

BRUCE

An underwear model called Bruce,

Being proud of his well-toned caboose,

CHLOE

The root of the problem, said Chloe,

In tones professorially showy,

DAFFY DUCK

I met a duck once, nicknamed Daffy,

Whose favorite snack food was taffy

EDITH

An admirer of Jesus called Edith,

Whose vow was to go where He leadeth,

FERGUS

Oh who is as fickle as Fergus,

Who once, on the night of Walpurgis,

GREGORY

An acquaintance of mine I'll call Gregory,

Having gone through a period of beggary,

HORTENSE

A grumpy French student named Hortense,

Required to acquire "just one more tense"

EVAN & IVAN

A pair of twins, Evan and Ivan,

Supposing the ploy might enliven

JEREMY

A horny old codger called Jeremy,

Desiring a life-style more haremy,

KATRINA

A composer for cats called Katrina,

On acquiring a new concertina,

LIZ

A philosophy major called Liz

When informed that it is what it is

MALCOLM

My roommate in college, called Malcolm,

Whose odors were sharp and unwelcome,

NOME

A nudist from Nome, known as Norman,

His life being rarely a warm un

OTTO

A gossipy fellow named Otto,

Whose voce was never quite sotto,

PETER

An eater of pumpkins named Peter

had a chess-loving wife. If he beat her

A QATARI

A well-traveled friend, a Qatari,

when he needs somewhere new to safari

RUDY

A restaurant owner named Rudy

being more like a pig than a foodie

S, S, and S

A Spaniard, a Swede, and a Scot

go into a bar for a shot.

TUNISIA

The champagne, that night in Tunisia,

as we danced, and we drank, and got dizzier,

UTRECHT

You checked out. You trekked to Utrecht.

You expect your Czech tech to defect.

VERSACE

They offered the starlet Versace.

She found the look too matchy-matchy.

WES & HAN

My cousin's brat kids, Jen and Wes.

dispute every word that he says.

XENAKIS

A French-Greek composer named Xenakis

loved women, but sometimes gave men a kiss.

YOLANDE

My little brat sister Yolande

asked mom and dad if they had planned her

ZAGREB

"I find, when my energies ebb,"

said the aging whiz kid from Zagreb,