



Rhyme Time

When I was a kid my dad used to call me "Peato-Wheato" and my sister "Mary O'Lary." Who knows, maybe that's what got me interested in rhymes. That was many, many years ago, but still rhymes interest me so much I often wake up with one on the tip of my lip. The other morning it was the phrase "geezers with tweezers," which made me think of stamp collectors. And when I Googled the phrase, I was presented with almost 300 hits, most of them referring to stamp collectors, as a matter of fact. Had I heard this before? I suppose I probably had, but it still was a rhyme.

But even though the phrase was common, I was off and running with a new stupid game for myself. These really dumb games actually help me get rolling in the lyrics department, or so I like to tell myself. You'd be appalled at the things I like to tell myself help with songwriting.

Anyway, these were the rules I decided upon, after absolutely no deliberation: The answer must use the rhyme form ABA, where B is usually a preposition. The clue must be one or two words. Give it a try!

Sitting bruises: Bears on chairs.
Tavern outsiders: Folks with smokes.
British comics: Blokes with jokes.
Donald Drivers: Ducks in trucks.
Jogging nuns: Sisters with blisters.
Laughing Wiccans: Witches in stitches.
Crawl spaces: Bumpers for plumbers.
Champagne hangovers: troubles with bubbles.

Rich rabbit: Bunny with money.
Stoned rabbit: Bugs on drugs.
Drugged bunny: Rabbit with habit.
Nun bunny: Rabbit with habit.
Copper teapot: Kettle of metal.
Shoehorn: Handle for sandal.
Quiet instrument: Flute with mute.
Old miser: Coot with loot.
Hot violin: Fiddle on griddle.

Electronic horse: Pony by Sony.
Sailor clippers: Barbers in harbors.
Music stores: Places with basses.
Beer stores: shops with hops.
Driving woes: Stops by cops.
Lazy captains: skippers in slippers.
Surfing Friends: Quakers on breakers.

Dinner talk: Chatter over platter.
Cancer gossip: Rumors of tumors.
Dogwoods: Trees with fleas.
Dreaming carp: Fishes with wishes.
Minimal houses: Sheds with beds.
Housed oinkers: Pigs in digs.
Housed bounders: Cads in pads.
Housed writers: Hacks in shacks.
Housed pooches: Mutts in huts.
Housed kitties: Cats in flats.
Housed rodents: Voles in holes.
Scary desserts: Cakes with snakes.
Online therapists: Shrinks with links.

Useless idea: Mimes with rhymes.
Dangerous vehicles: Cars with bars.
Painful shoes: Pumps with lumps.
Drunk artists: Lushes with brushes.
Yuppie visionaries: Dreamers with Beemers.

Smelly winds: Breezes from cheeses.
Flower garden: Sector with nectar.
Bear cafes: Trees with bees.
Parrots: Birds with words.
Dog toys: Yoyos for Totos.
Cattle boats: Scows with cows.
Tiny boats: Pails with sails.
Bedbug times: Nights with bites.
Jed Clampett: Actor with tractor.
Menswear shoppers: Browsers through trousers.

Depantsed leaders: Chiefs in briefs.
Sleeping broadcasters: DJs in PJs.
Xeroxing Communists: Pinkos in Kinkos.

Oarlocks: Thingies in dinghies.
Dead rowers: Stiffs in skiffs.
Boat tales: Stories of dories.
Coffee warmers: Mugs with plugs.
Featherbedding example: Hearse with nurse.
Paranoid poets: Bards with guards.
Lucky tellers: Clerks with perks.
Ping pong: Battles with paddles.
Farm work: Toils with soils.
Milk route: Udder to butter.

Then of course you can take out the preposition and just have the AA rhyme form:

Narrow waist: Little middle.
Piccolo career: Fife life.
Butter school: Learning churning.
Equine school: Horses courses.
Fish school: Bass class.
Epoxy school: Glue U.
Doctor school: Med Ed.
Muck school: Muddy study.
Crash course: Wreck tech.

Pancake mess: Batter splatter.
Plate break: Platter shatter.
Dog buss: Pooch smooch.
Fish: Seal meal.
Worm: Fish dish.
Insect love: Bug hug.
Carpet pull: Rug tug.

Bone dessert: Gelatin Skeleton.
Daddy's problems: Father's bothers.
Joyous daddy: Happy pappy.
Certain uncles: Mother's brothers.
Appropriate cork: Proper stopper.
Crook drool: Robber slobber.
Wet hobo: Damp tramp.
Lantern: Camp lamp.
Fashionable turtle: Dapper snapper.
Herring spatula: Kipper flipper.
Nerd utensil: Dork fork.
Thunderhead: Loud cloud.
Charm bracelet: Bangle dangle.
Bargain gherkin: Nickel pickle.
DEET: Skeeter beater.
Slug plugger: Meter cheater
Bargain lyric: Dime rhyme
Sad friend: Glum chum.
Happy wino: Chipper sipper.
Burdened girl: Laden maiden.
Sewer's packages: Tailor's mailers.
Big boat: Large barge.
Ocean storm: Clipper tipper.
Beach treat: Sandy candy.
Boxcar: Cheaper sleeper.
Flunking seamanship: Failing sailing.
Spam: Sham ham.
Wendy's Frosty: Fake shake.
Counterfeit: Faux dough.
Zippo shopper: Fire buyer.
Sham tram: Trolley folly.
Pulpit: Preacher feature.
Animal trainer: Creature teacher.
Silly gesture: Odd nod.
Silly column: Whither Zither.