A limerick is a type of poem

Listen to these limericks and see what you notice about:

- how many lines in each poem
- which lines rhyme with each other
- how many beats in each line
- how they make you feel

An ambitious young fellow named Matt Tried to parachute using his hat. Folks below looked so small As he started to fall, Then got bigger and bigger and SPLAT!

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A funny young fellow named Perkins Was terribly fond of small gherkins. One day after tea He ate ninety three And pickled his internal workings.

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A circus performer named Brian Once smiled as he rode on a lion. They came back from the ride, But with Brian inside, And the smile on the face of the lion.

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- Five lines long
- One couplet and one triplet
- Rhyming pattern a a b b a
- Lines 1, 2 and 5 have 3 beats
- Lines 3 and 4 have 2 beats
- Meant to be funny