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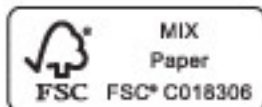
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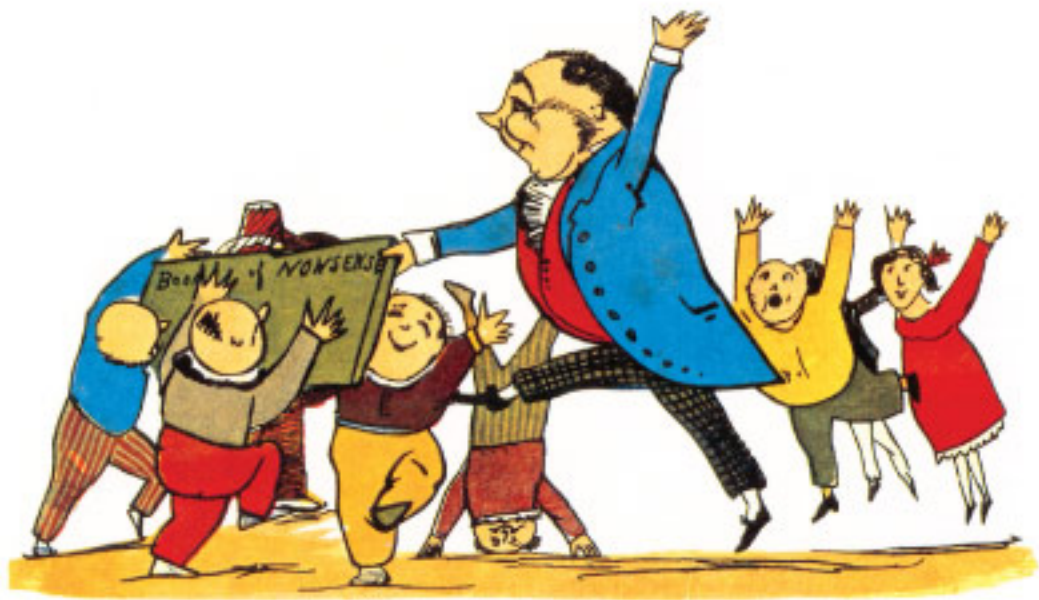
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*There was a Old Derry down Derry, Who loved to see little folks merry;  
So he made them a book, And with laughter they shook,  
At the fun of that Derry down Derry.*

There was an Old Person of Anerley,  
Whose conduct was strange and unmannerly;  
He rushed down the Strand,  
With a Pig in each hand,  
But returned in the evening to Anerley.



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



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.

