Math Limericks
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There once was a famous logician

For whom paradoxes were his ambition.

For decades he lit mental fires

With tales of truthtellers or liars—

Getting people to think was Raymond Smullyan's great mission.

There once was an artist supreme

Whose geometry had a rare scheme.

Tessellations and creatures

And impossible features—

M. C. Escher created an infinite dream.

There once was an author of note.

The hundreds of essays he wrote

All helped celebrate

How math is so great.

On all of those topics Martin Gardner you'll quote.

There once was a radical physicist.

Upon experiments to find truth he'd insist.

You can quote him galore;

He was wise to the core.

Richard Feynman said that, for science, minds must exist.

A fabulous polymath whom we have sighted,

The Queen of England has knighted!

Of black holes and quantum stuff

Our knowledge is never enough.

Though Roger Penrose's tilings made the whole world delighted. Ω