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Critterhews

(Like clerihews but with animal names!)

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A hippopotamus
from top to bottom is
easy on the eye...
but only to other hippopotami.

To build a beast
like a wildebeest
use the highest quality manes and horns. If you do,
your wildebeest will be as good as gnu.

The owl
wears a scowl
without reason or basis.
It's just the way his face is.

A cheetah
can beat a
tortoise in a race. So badly, in fact,
the tortoise would be shell-acked.

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A rabbit
can temporarily inhabit
a hole some other rabbit let him borrow,
which is why a hare today may be gone tomorrow.

My humpback whale
put a mast and a sail
in his blowhole, and now when it's breezy
he zips along at twice the speed while his fins just take it easy.

The snail
said, "I sail
at dizzying speeds and I breathlessly hurtle!"
as it rode on the back of a sleepy turtle.



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