

## Re: Astro Limerick--Fraknoi

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Some years ago I heard Andrew Fraknoi speak and he recited a limerick that I had written down once, but can't find. It had to do with an astronaut, space, and the disappearance of something, I believe. Anyone know what I'm talking about and knows the limerick?

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Does this help?

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<http://www.oedilf.com/db/Lim.php?Word=astronaut>

Helpful, but not among the eight there. I'm very sure black hole was part of the limerick, and possibly the word poof. Searched the above site, but zippo.

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A black hole – a tremendous creation  
Its physics defies imagination  
Time and space it can bend  
Wow! I can't comprehend  
The gravity of this situation

There was a young fellow named Cole  
Who ventured too near a black hole.  
His dv by dt  
Was quite wondrous to see  
But now all that's left is his soul.

Light passed a black hole from Nantucket,  
Where his pull was so great he would suck it.  
He said with a grin,  
As he pulled the light in,  
"With Hawking radiation, I'll chuck it!"

There was a black hole from Nantucket,  
Whose trick was to grab light and suck it.  
He sucked so much in,  
I scratched at my chin,  
Wond'ring where in this stunt he could tuck it.

Back from a multi-day trip.

These are very good, but not the one I recall. It looks like some of these would be strong contenders to replace it. Interesting that many of the words run a common thread through the different limericks.

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"This spring I knew we had a good bunch of players. When they won the American League title they became a team."  
— Jim Leyland, Detroit Tiger manager, 2006.

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