



Famous First Lines

Just for fun can you match the first lines
from well-known poems to the poet?

'Please Mrs Butler
This boy Derek Drew
Keeps copying my work, Miss,
What shall I do?'

William Shakespeare

'The Owl and the Pussy-cat went to sea
In a beautiful pea-green boat,'

Edward Lear

'When I was One,
I had just begun
When I was Two
I was nearly New.'

Clement C. Moore

'Twas Brillig, and the slivey toves
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe:
All mimsy were the borogroves,
And the mome raths outgrabe.'

William Blake

'Shall I compare thee to
a summer's day?'

Lewis Carroll

'Tyger! Tyger! Burning bright
In the forests of the night,'

A.A. Milne

'All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,'

Cecil Frances Alexander

'Twas the night before Christmas,
When all through the house
Not a creature was stirring,
Not even a mouse;'

Allan Ahlberg