

"Jabberwocky" is a poem of nonsense verse written by Lewis Carroll, and found as a part of his novel *Through the Looking-Glass, and What Alice Found There* (1871). It is generally considered to be one of the greatest nonsense poems written in the English language.

## JABBERWOCKY

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Did **gyre** and **gimble** in the **wabe**;  
All **mimsy** were the **borogoves**,  
And the **mome raths** **outgrabe**.

'Beware the *Jabberwock*, my son!  
The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!  
Beware the *Jubjub* bird, and shun  
The *frumious Bandersnatch*!

He took his **vorpal** sword in hand:  
Long time the **manxome** foe he sought—  
So rested he by the *Tumtum* tree,  
And stood awhile in thought.



And as in **uffish** thought he stood,  
The *Jabberwock*, with eyes of flame,  
Came **whiffing** through the **tulgey** wood,  
And **burbled** as it came!

One, two! One, two! And through and through  
The **vorpal** blade went snicker-snack!  
He left it dead, and with its head  
He went **galumphing** back.

'And has thou slain the *Jabberwock*?  
Come to my arms, my **beamish** boy!  
O **frabjous** day! Callooh! Callay!  
He **chortled** in his joy.



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