The Double Dactyl: Write Your Own

The *higgledy-piggledy* is a fixed form of double dactyls.

- The first line is "*Higgledy-piggledy"* or other rhyming nonsense.
- The second line is a name.
- The fourth and eighth lines rhyme and each consist of one dactyl followed by one stressed syllable.
- One line must be one single double dactyl word.

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nonsense

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proper name

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rhyme

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rhyme

Room with a View

Higgledy-piggledy
Emily Dickinson
Looked out her front window
Struggling for breath,
Suffering slightly from
Agoraphobia:
"Think I'll just stay in and
Write about Death."