

## *A Word*

### *The Lesser Limerick*

*Less* is a word under stress –  
Comparative anguish, I'd guess.  
Pursuing the narrative,  
*Less* itself is comparative,  
Though *lesser* is more less than *less*.

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### *Clerihew Collapse*

SEVENTEEN syllables enthuse  
The man creating clerihews.

At least, they would, but he has seen  
He's only totted up sixteen –

Though he has tried with all his might  
To concentrate and get it right.

He's now decided to abort  
His effort and remain one short.

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