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*I went to Chester
So wet I wore a sou'wester
Off the Roman Walls I took several falls
Soon my wounds began to fester.*

LIKE THE REST OF HIS CLOTHES
AT ONE TIME IT HAD BEEN
VERY FASHIONABLE.



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I went to Kingston Lisle
In weather that was vile
Rained all day, roads washed away
So getting there took a while.

I went to *Kirkby Mallory*
To live there you need a good salary
People kind, but SO refined:
Eating nothing with more than one calorie.

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I went to Nether Wallop
Enjoyed a lovely dollop
Found a cosy nook, took out my book
And curled up with a Trollope.

*I went to New Ridley
Just a little tiddly
Trying to sing like Elvis
But sounding like Bo Diddley.*

I went to *Newby Wiske*
Shouldn't have taken the risk
For while walking around I was blown into the sound
By a wind that was quite brisk.

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I went to the other St Ives
Where I met a beekeeper with seven wives
Selling honey but making little money
As he kept coming out in hives.

I went to Sark
(Where Noah built his Ark)
Working on Ark 2 I had a wonderful view
'Cos I was up with the lark.

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I went to *Venn Ottery*
Admission: six pieces of pottery
Which made getting in
Something of a lottery.



"A light-hearted ode to the open road"

Susan Fielden, Bookseller

*In these somewhat troubled times
Make time to relax, enjoy some rhymes
We'll take you on a trip or eight
And help you to appreciate
The joys & delights of town & city
Even those which are pretty
Average. We've not neglected the local village
We haven't travelled to raid or pillage
We've included remote, unknown places
With all their airs and possible graces
We think you'll enjoy a different view –
See your places in a different hue
It's certainly not our aim or intention
To insult; merely give a mention
Of the pitfalls & woes that can ensue
Beware, dear reader, this could be YOU!!*



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