

**Informant:** Josh Kirk, Bloomington, IN

**Collector:** Lawrence Manuel, Bloomington, IN

**Title:** "There Once was a Man from Nantucket"

**Genre:** Limerick. Josh and his friends would tell limericks when they were younger to try and get a laugh out of their friends. A limerick is a "type of humorous verse."  
(see Encyclopedia.com <http://www.encyclopedia.com/searchpool.asp?target=limerick>)

**Folk Group:** Young children, of the pre-teen age.

**Typical Context:** Josh informed me that these types of limericks were told so that the teller could gain the respect as well as popularity. He recalled that most of the limericks that he heard when he was younger were all something funny, and usually involved some curse words. These were usually told at lunch or on the play ground.

**Transcription:** Josh recalled one that he loved to tell to his friends: "There once was a man from Nantucket who had a cock so long he could suck it. He said with a grin while wiping jiz from his chin, if his ear was a cunt he would fuck it."

**Commentary:** Josh, while even laughing while he told me in the interview, said that he always got a rise out of people when he told this particular limerick.