

## Tax Limericks

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Taxes are painful, they can hurt,  
If you live in a house, tent, or yurt.  
Yet we all must pay some,  
Whether deaf, blind, or dumb;  
Or else we'd all live in the dirt.

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Tax Analysts began in the garage of Tom Field;  
With FOIA lawsuits, great power it did wield.  
As the decades roll by,  
*Tax Notes* fans multiply;  
Till the awe of subscribers congealed.

\* \* \*

True patriotism, it's a quixotic quest;  
Paying taxes, says Biden, means you meet the test.  
Nathan Hale would turn pale;  
His resolve it would fail;  
"Patriotic taxes? Surely you jest!"

\* \* \*

Lee Sheppard writes stories about fashion and tax;  
She's one of a kind, hey those are the facts.  
So if you read Lee,  
You'll surely soon see,  
The fashion-tax combo that makes her relax!

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If you want to apply for a ruling,  
You'll spend lots of time writing and retooling.  
A user fee will be due;  
Rigorous debate don't eschew;  
And you'll cheer if you get it, no fooling.

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Tim Geithner has done a great thing;  
His bailout machinations took wing.  
Let Tim run it all;  
He won't take the fall.  
But Tim's own taxes? Hey, they sure sting!

\* \* \*

Taxes, like wine, have a schedule sublime;  
You clearly pay no tax ahead of its time.  
Income or excise, gift or estate,  
Pay not too soon, pay not too late;  
For if you are tardy, they slap on a fine.

\* \* \*

No one likes taxes, it's true,  
We pay them and often we rue.  
The rates are so high,  
Like robbery, oh my!  
Yet they're really society's glue.

\* \* \*

Find a reg, tech advice, or ruling;  
And you'll be happy, contented, no fooling.  
When authorities you find,  
You can start to unwind;  
While your beer or fine wine is a-cooling.

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The IRS remakes itself every few years,  
For service and customers, let's give three cheers.  
From gentler and kind,  
To tougher you'll find,  
The pendulum swings from cheers to tears.

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If you want to become a tax lawyer,  
First be crafty, a bit like Tom Sawyer.  
Be creative, be clever,  
And never say never;  
You'll soon find you've many an employer.

\* \* \*

Three-letter names, you may find them quite breezy;  
IRS, KGB, they make me feel queasy.  
INS, FBI?  
You're scared? So am I.  
My favorite? That's KFC, easy.

\* \* \*

Paying income, estate tax, or gift;  
At times they all seem like a grift.  
You'll pay tax once or twice;  
And sometimes pay thrice;  
Till your money's all gone, oh how swift!

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Tax law isn't racy or exotic;  
And lord knows it is hardly quixotic;  
So if you litigate,  
Tax lawyers can't relate;  
For tax lawyers are mostly neurotic.

## COMMENTARY / TAX HUMOR

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There once was a bank named Wells Fargo,  
That used wagons to ship all its cargo.  
The original is here,  
Near San Francisco pier;  
The bank's bailout will include an embargo!

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Can you soak up your taxes with loss?  
NOL rules they're normally boss.  
Bailed-out banks, IRS rules,  
Can use losses like tools.  
So banks got one more double cross.

\* \* \*

There was a shyster investor named Madoff;  
With billions of dollars he sure made off.  
He duped moguls and stars,  
And some hedge fund czars;  
And eventually was jailed as a trade-off.