What is a nonsense poem?

- Turns what we think of as everyday life and language upside down to create **new** and **strange** meanings
- Fanciful phrases and meaningless made-up words
- Humorous
The Faulty Bagnose

The Faulty Bagnose 4 years ago
Softly, softly, treads the Mungle
Thinner thorn behaviour street.
Whorg canteel whorth bee asbin?
Cam we so all complete,
With all our faulty bagnose?

By John Lennon (The Beatles)
The elephant is a bonnie bird.
It flits from bough to bough.
It makes its nest in a rhubarb tree
And whistles like a cow.
There was an old man of West Dumpet,
Who possessed a large nose like a trumpet;
When he blew it aloud, it astonished the crowd,
And was heard through the whole of West Dumpet.
‘Twas brillig, and the slithy toves
   Did gyre and gimble in the wabe:
All mimsy were the borogoves,
   And the mome raths outgrabe.

“Beware the Jabberwock, my son!
   The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!
Beware the Jubjub bird, and shun
   The frumious Bandersnatch!”

By Lewis Carroll
A Princess Laments

I kissed a frog because I’d heard
That it would turn into a prince.
That’s not exactly what occurred,
And I’ve been croaking ever since.

by Jack Prelutsky
Write your own!

There are no real rules; let your imagination go mad.