



Explore the museum through Science Scoops – Limericks. In these poems the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> lines rhyme, as do the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> lines.

### Fourth Floor (Panorama)

Lying on the ground just ahead  
Not moving, not even my head  
Don't come any closer  
My smell just gets grosser  
I'm just faking it, I'm not dead

I'm perched in a cactus up high  
To get here I must have to fly  
I'm small you might miss me  
Look close, I'm a pygmy  
So search for my big rounded eyes

### Third Floor (Fossil Galleries & Bugtown)

Pause as you move through this ditty  
You might think to look at kitty  
Scythe teeth are my fame  
But cat just the same  
Sigh, I'm extinct; more the pity

This small and quick dino was clever  
Its cover outside was of feather  
A toe claw to greet you  
The better to eat you  
Its fossils have saved it forever

If you go to give the roach a kiss  
Get too close and it gives off a hiss  
Their home is very far  
They're from Madagascar  
And make noise with a hole known *as this*

### Fifth Floor (Explore Evolution)

Big, small or sharp, varies by finch  
Diverse beaks make snacking a cinch  
Some seek insects in trees  
We measure parts *in these*  
About twenty-five to an inch

### Fifth Floor (Continued)

FOUR forces are evolution's mode  
First are changes in your DNA code  
Next, traits are passed to heirs  
Few then live to make theirs  
Last, the changes are marked as this flowed

Ancient ancestors once lived on land  
Having four legs on which they would stand  
Now our front feet are flippers  
No back feet so no slippers!  
We swim through the ocean, so grand

Our most recent cousins you be  
Both species of known chimpanzee  
Although with less hair  
Common ancestor we share  
Dates back to *this point* on the tree

### Sixth Floor

Most spiders will do you no harm  
But two you should keep from your arm  
One is brown, the other black  
With venom to catch a snack  
Their bite might be cause for alarm

A bat's nose is most often quite dark  
Fungus causes a change that is stark  
Noses powdery white  
An unusual sight  
Bats die once they are plagued with *this mark*

In Kansas cool snakes abound  
They slither and slink around  
Although they might lick you  
They use *this* to sniff you  
Detect those air-borne compound