

Chastushka

Deadly Dumpster Diving

Homeless man found dead in dumpster.
On recycled cardboard for bed.
Pick-up man must be a chumpster
not clear-thinking in his dull head.

This recycling chills to the core.
Man was crunched in the compactor.
Why was not the homeless man seen?
Negligence could be the factor.

Chastuska: Traditional Russian poetry. Single quatrain in trochaic tetrameter. Usually humorous, satirical or ironic in nature. Often used in music, usually with balalaika or accordion accompaniment. Parallels limerick.

Syllable Count : 7 per line in an example. But 8 if follow trochaic tetrameter.
Rhyme Scheme: a-b-a-b a-b-c-b