

# I'd like to draw like Ronald Searle (or...how I ended up doing illustrated poetry)

I'd like to draw like Ronald Searle,  
cartooning life for all I'm worth,  
I'll animate a blotted swirl,  
inducing hoots of wayward mirth.

Cartooning life for all I'm worth,  
Draw some sparkle, hopes fulfil,  
inducing hoots of wayward mirth,  
I'd need the wherefore and the will.

Draw some sparkle, hopes fulfil?  
Perhaps I'd better think again.  
I'd need the wherefore and the will  
and be adept with ink and pen

Perhaps I'd better think again...  
Attempt a verse like Betjeman  
and be adept with ink and pen,  
inspired by wild imagining.

Attempt a verse like Betjeman...  
I journey on with this in mind,  
inspired by wild imagining,  
or are there other paths to find?

I journey on with this in mind,  
whilst hoping readers gently judge.  
Or are there other paths to find?  
Combine the words with sketch and smudge.

Whilst hoping readers gently judge,  
the moment dawned with symmetry;  
combine the words with sketch and smudge  
to illustrate my poetry.

The moment dawned with symmetry!  
I'll animate a blotted swirl  
to illustrate my poetry.  
I'd like to draw like Ronald Searle.

