**"The Painting Lesson" by By Trevor Harvey**

“What’s THAT, dear?” asked the new teacher.

“It’s Mummy,” I replied.

“But mums aren’t green and orange!

You really haven’t TRIED.

You don’t just paint in SPLODGES

You’re old enough to know

You need to THINK before you work…

Now – have another go.”

She helped me draw two arms and legs,

A face with sickly smile,

A rounded body, dark brown hair,

A hat-and in a while,

She stood back

(with her face bright pink):

“That’s SO much better –

Don’t you think?”

But she turned white

At ten to three

When an orange-green blob

Collected me.

“Hi, Mum!”