

# Mrs Swipe Speaks Out

Bruce Dawe (1980's)

So I said to her I said  
I'm not one to complain  
I said as you know only too well  
I said but if you think I'm going to  
put up with this nonsense indefinitely  
you've got another think coming oh yes I said  
please don't think you can come the bounce  
on me I said because I've had just about  
enough thank you very much I said  
and the fact of the matter is I said  
you can walk the whole length and breadth  
of Varicose Street I said and you won't find  
a more long-suffering and charitable  
person than yours truly I said but  
like the Good Book says every worm  
must have its day and mine is  
just around the corner I said so you needn't  
stand there looking four-eyed and fish-faced  
as if Meadow-Lea wouldn't melt in your mouth  
since I have not the slightest intention of  
prolonging this conversation any further live  
and let live I said even though it seems  
to me there's some as would be hard-pressed  
to justify their miserable  
existence naming no names of course  
and I dropped the paper parcel of prawn-shells  
over her side of the fence I believe  
these are yours madam I said and although  
it was a horrible cold day the look on *its* face  
as I walked away kept me *warm as toast*  
for the rest of the morning!