

Small Dreams of a Scorpion

A013.01 First edition, 1972

Author: Spike Milligan

Dedication: *This book is dedicated to my mother who spent a life time dedicated to me.*

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Illustrations: Spike and Laura Milligan

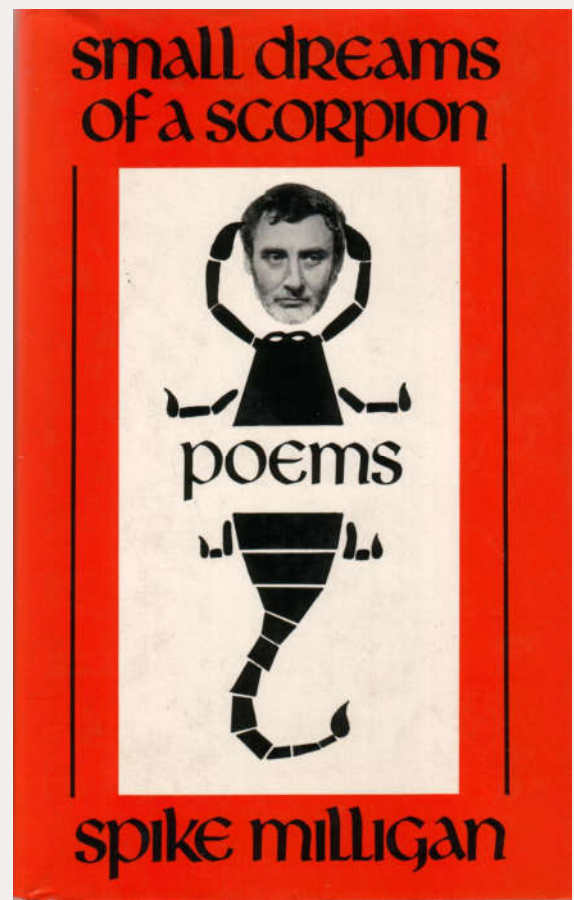
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This is Spike's first volume of serious poetry (his own description); forty one poems in all. He had included serious poems in earlier books. The book is not devoid of humour, he manages to squeeze some in via the introduction. Scudamore comments on the poems. *"Most of them echo with despairing pain that Milligan does nothing to conceal. One two or three suggest any vestige of hope."* At the time this book was being worked on Spike was also working on his children's story book, *Dip the Puppy* and his first war memoir.

The poems are set out in roughly chronological order of when written. The selection starts with three poems written during 1943/44, wartime, then two in the fifties, one during a hospital stay in 1953.



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