



The Seven Ages of Man: The Schoolboy

Catalogue Number
HMF 82(131)

Artwork Type
Drawing

Date
1982

Dimensions
paper: 290 x 209 mm

Medium
ballpoint pen, charcoal

Paper Support
white wove

Signature
unsigned, undated

Inscriptions
ballpoint pen u.c. 2 Schoolboy/And then the whining schoolboy, with his satchel &/shining morning face, creeping like snail unwillingly/to school

Ownership

The Henry Moore Foundation: acquired 1987

More Information

Moore drew Shakespeare's 'Seven Ages of Man', as described in Jaques' speech in Act II, scene vii of *As You Like It*, for a portfolio of lithographs published in 1982. He did the title page for the portfolio at the back of Sketchbook 1982-83, see HMF 82(129a). The knee-length short trousers and the satchel with its two straps must surely be echoes of Moore's memories of his own schooldays.