

# Doodlin

Ray Charles

Usin' the phone booth,  
Makin' a few calls,  
Doodlin' weird things,  
Usin' the booth walls.

Got me a big date,  
Waitin' for my chick,  
Puttin' my face on,  
So she could look slick,

I enjoy procrastinating  
'Cause I'm busy while I'm waiting,  
Doodlin' away, doodlin away

Sittin' and dinin' (dining)  
Dinner beginnin',  
Started designin'  
Usin' the linen,

Talkin' to my date,  
Doodlin' my bit,  
Waiter got salty,  
Told me to please quit  
Told the waiter, "Don't be dizzy,  
"Can't you see I'm very busy,  
"Doodlin' away, doodlin' away."

"Do you doodle all day?"  
Asked the waiter in his way,  
"Do you doodle all night?"  
Told the waiter he was right,  
"In your doodlin' way-"  
"That's the way I'm gonna stay,"  
"Are you thinkin' things right?"  
"Doodlin' sheds a lot of light,"  
"Don't know what I can do,"  
"Ain't nothing you can do,"  
"With old doodlin' you,"  
"Doodin's all I want to do,"

That's for true!

Why does every single thing I see  
Look exactly like a doodle to me?  
If I ever have a doubt  
What life is all about  
I get my pencil out and then commence to doodlin'  
And I find it real relaxing  
'Specially when I feel that life is really taxing!

'Cause weird designs  
They only show what's going on  
In weirder minds  
Those when you doodle then your noodle's flying blind  
Every little thing that you write  
Just conceivably might  
Be a thought that you capture

While coppin' a wink  
Doodlin' takes you beyond what you see  
When you write what you think.

I'd feel so lost without my doodlin',  
Doodlin' really helps me ease my mind,  
I'd be tempest-tossed  
Without my doodlin',  
When I'm doodlin' there's one thing I find,

Truly, I really really really really really truly truly wanna figure out  
What my doodlin's all about.

Later the waiter  
Had me arrested,  
Took me to Bellevue,  
Where I was tested.

Had me a doctor  
Probin' my noodle,  
'Fore he was half-done,  
Taught him to doodle,  
Showed him hidden thoughts that linger  
Find an outlet through your finger,  
Doodlin' away, doodlin' away.

Doctor was real nice,  
Told me to be cool,  
Looked at the waiter,  
Called him the real fool,

Looked at my baby  
Told me he dug her,  
Got me to doodlin',  
So he could bug her,

When he put his arms around her,  
Quite to his surprise he found her,  
Doodlin' away, doodlin' away

We just doodle all day!