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after Heather McHugh

The whole world's one big hanky.
Dog does not eat dog.
Take it to the bank:
Frog's son is a frog.

May you live in interesting times.
Be careful what you wish!
Let the punishment fit the crime.
The sea has drowned the fish.

Blood is thicker than water.
Fortune favors the bold.
Don't kill the messenger.
Revenge is best served cold.

Doctor, heal thyself.
To be or not to be?
If I'm not for myself
Then who will be for me?

Wisdom trumps all jewels.
Diamonds are forever.
To be kind, be cruel.
Better late than never.

-Scott Miller
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