

Permissions During Quarantine

Be a lender of generosity.
Be a borrower of hope.
Snow on someone's parade
to give it extra sparkle.
Put all your eggs in one basket
and leave it for a neighbor.
Broken eggs work for soufflés too.
Make lemon cake from lemons.
Halve your cake
and eat it in two servings.
Fight fire with water.
Feed fever with cold.
Ice cream is the best revenge.
Blow out the candle
and embrace the darkness.
Let sleeping dogs dream.
Let dead horses lie in state.
Let the horse choose his own cart.
Change horses midstream
to give them rest.
Shut the stable door to keep out the draft.
Kiss a gift horse on the mouth.
Kiss the hand that feeds you.
Better sorry than regret not trying.
Refurbish any burned bridges.
Walk loudly and carry a small purse.
Leap and look
to see where you're going.
Let the grass grow between your toes.
Count all your hatchlings.
Kill no birds with stones.
Put pearls on pigs to gussy them up.
Make mole hills into majestic mountains.
Make a splash rocking the boat.
Pacify the apple cart.
Swirl the baby in the bathwater.
Put off until tomorrow
and do less today—stay in the moment.
Do unto others kindness no matter how
they do unto you.

~ Lana Hechtman Ayers
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