

## A few Norwegian proverbs\*

*I nøden spiser fanden fluer.*

Necessity makes the devil eat flies.

*Bedre med trøtte armer enn tomme tarmen.*

Better tired arms than empty bowels.

*Du skal ikke tro at du er noe.*

You shall not think that you are something.

*På ridestellet skal storfolk kjennes.*

You can tell great men by the style of their mounts.

*Smak og behag kan ikke diskuteres.*

Taste and preference cannot be debated.

*Alt har en ende, men pølsa har to –  
pannekaka har ingen, men er likevel god.*

*All things come to an end, but a sausage has two –  
the pancake has none, but is nonetheless good.*

*Når katten er borte, danser musene på bordet.*

When the cat's away, the mice dance on the table.

