**A Conversation with Don Miller**

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**Dedicated to “daddy-baby”**

**Part 1: presented at his 50th birthday party, Oct. 1977**

**Don the Father**

“The youngest heiress to the non-existing Miller fortune”

“Don’t take any wooden nickels”

“Eat your no-thank you bite”

“*Il y avait quatre petits lapins…”*

« Oh, the daddies have no tails in Zambooanga » ♫ ♫

“We elder siblings got to stick together”

“You’ll have to catch me first”

“Rise and shine!”

“Miller and Father”

**Don the Philosopher**

“Exercise is bad for you”

“The world is mean and man uncouth”

“Lose a few, lose a few”

“Take it easy but take it”

“Life isn’t always fair”

“*Naturellement, il pleut”*

“When you get the urge, sit down until it passes”

“You can’t win them all, or even hardly any”

“Nothing ventured, nothing gained”

“No workie, no eatie”

“You only get what you richly deserve”

**Don the Finagler**

“I’ll make you a deal”

“While you’re up…..”

“What’ll you do for me?”

“You’re closer…”

“No short-stopping”

**Don the Gourmet**

“Just make me some bread and pop”

“Do you want to split a beer?

“Did you baste the chicken?”

“Is there any cold pop in the icebox?”

“Pepsi cola hits the spot, 12 full ounces that’s a lot” ♫ ♫

“Pass the whupping cream”

“Just take the coffee water out of the tap”

“This chicken soup needs salt”

**Don the Linguist**

*“Je m’en vais”*

*«Allons-y »*

*« Il peure dans mon cœur quand il pleut sur la ville… »*

« Nancela, Lynnela, and Mirela »

*« Il faut que je parte »*

« That fershluggener \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ »

**Don the Politician**

“You turkey”

“Rotten to the core”

“He’s a black hat”

“Grrrr…..”

**Miscellaneous**

“I can’t get a word in edgewise”

“and God said ‘let there be light’ and there was light”

“That hits the spot”

“That doesn’t fly”

“Take two, they’re small”

“In a pig’s eye”

“I was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the FBI”

“Not I said the little red hen”

“That went over like a lead balloon”

“I’ll grind you into hamburger”

“Show me the way to the next whiskey bar” ♫ ♫

“So, who wants?”

“That’s the neatest trick of the week”

“And another barbershop quartet bites the dust”

“We’ll chop ‘em to bits because we like our hamburgers raw” ♫ ♫

“Transparent as a window pane”

“Tell us in 25 words or less”

“Not bad for a hacker”

“No one here but us peons”

“It is I, Igor”

“What am I supposed to wear?”

“Ta-da!”

**Part 2: re-presented at his 60th birthday party, Oct. 1977**

**Section A: Those we forgot the first time**

“You can take that idea and …..”

“Never give a kid an even break, they’ll outsmart you every time”

“’Deal, deal!’ cried the losers”

“It’s a harmless little card”

“Winning is better than losing”

“Do unto others as they would be done to”

“He can who thinks he can”

**Section b: Don the Political Philospher**

“Cynicism and pessimism are the only true guides to reality”

“Politics is the art of compromise, but you never compromise if you don’t have to”

“In politics, a logical argument will get you nowhere”

“Every question has two sides, but not necessarily of equal weight”

“Whoever controls the first draft is 10 steps up the ladder”

“Whenever the details of a bad proposal begin to be discussed, the cause is lost”

“Scum always rises to the top”

“May they suffer a terminal social disease”

“’Shut up’, he explained”

**Part 3: re-re-presented at his 70th birthday party, Oct. 1997**

“It seemed like a good idea at the time”

“Don’t tell her I said so”

“You can be replaced”

“Holy *merde*”

“More or less, now and then, here and there”

“It’s an old, old proverb I just made up”

“It’s better than a poke in the eye with a sharp stick”

“We have grumbling rights”

“Not past the Iron Duchess”

“That is the neatest trick of the week”

“Calm yourself”

“You can get rid of it”

“Gooble, gobble”

“Any excuse is a good excuse for a party”

“I got a hand like a foot”

“*C’est vrai, lui dit le roi”*