

WILHELM BUSCH:  
THE FOX AND THE FARMER

The fox was breathing the forest air.  
The farmer sent him a letter there.  
“Please do come by! All is forgiven;  
There is no need for getting even.  
The cock, the hens and all the geese  
Will greet you with the kiss of peace.  
And so: when should we have the party?  
Yours in true friendship,  
Christian Hardy”

The fox wrote back in goose’s blood:  
“Doesn’t look good:  
My wife just had another brood!  
I send, as always, my highest regard.  
Your friend in the cave,  
Renard”