

# Know'm Sayin'?



✱ and I think maybe you do....

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*As they say in Cork, if you are ever  
anguished, confused, or tormented, just  
"be philosophical about it and don't give it  
another thought.*

**(From "Reimagining the Sacred" Richard Kearney)**

I'm inspired by the quirky, angular humor that rises up and knocks you for a loop all in the space of a sentence or two. If irony or paradox or absurdity play a role, all the better. If I stumble on a pun, we can share the pain.

Inside everything familiar hides a little amusement park. I love spinning a truism on its heel to see if it will giggle. I'm looking for that bit of enfolded humor in phrases and ideas we use every day. I like visiting familiar sayings all over again to see if there is something new there, some vital human thing, a laugh in a surprise.

You might encounter a deeper meaning here and there but don't let that stand in your way. Because truly, my sole objective is to entertain you with some thoughts that occur to me. They are simply observations in the margins where categories overlap. If there's a serious point about all this it's to remember to forget about all that and just enjoy the way ideas mingle.

## A Story Told on the Homophone

Up in Nome, Alaska there's an abandoned fish net factory called "Nome Seines". Or there should be.

To deal with the long winters in Alaska, a group of people decided that rather than get in a funk about it they would go to that old fish net factory just to sit around and make observations about life. It seemed to improve their attitudes greatly. They celebrated the opportunity to be a little less stir-crazy by calling themselves the "Nome Sanes."

Typically, they'd start tossing out phrases to make each other laugh. Some seemed like little nuggets of Yukon gold, personal thoughts about this or that, ideas that seemed weirdly true, even funny. It soon became customary to follow the good observations with, "Know'm sayin'?"

While managing to amuse themselves greatly with this little social club they also found it beneficial to write down the best ones so they could enjoy them later. After a while they had quite a collection. Which led to publication.

They knew what the title would be but spent a great deal of time debating how to spell it. The argument that won the day was that the humor was more than local or regional. And also that the whole Nome business was fictional anyway. So they ultimately left Nome out of it.

Except here. But then they made that up too.

This little book is the result. Their desire to publish was an act of largess to the wider world, knowing that all of us find ourselves occasionally cooped up and in search of amusement.

**I sure hope the first  
guy who said “no  
idea is completely  
original” appreciated  
the irony.**

*\* Know'm sayin' ?*

**Never do anything  
halfway.**

**Unless it involves  
marinade.**

✧ *Know'm sayin' #3*

**Don't try to get in  
other people's  
business when  
they're about to go  
bankrupt.**

✧ *The real Know'm sayin' #3*



**You got to start  
somewhere.**

**But first you got to  
get there.**

✧ *Know'm sayin' #4*

**There's two sides to  
every story.**

**Unless you tell it  
right.**

*\* Know'm sayin' ?*

**A good book is often  
found somewhere  
between us and our  
own opinion.**

✧ *The one Know'm sayin' you can't  
live without*

**It helps to know a little bit about the Dunning-Kruger effect but if that makes you an expert it didn't help much.**

*\* A password-protected  
Know'm sayin'*

**Words can't express  
it. But somebody did  
come up with  
orangutan.**

*\* A Know'm sayin' that thinks it's  
all that*

**A million monkeys  
on a million  
typewriters involves  
a lot of obsolete  
office equipment.**

✧ *The unclaimed Know'm sayin'*

**I didn't let my left  
hand know what my  
right hand was  
doing. That's when  
the rumors started.**

*\* A Know'm sayin' bought  
with Bitcoin*

**The opposite of  
absurd is chocolate.**

✧ *The X-factor Know'm sayin'*



**Everyone keeps  
talking about how  
time is precious but  
that attitude has  
completely ruined  
life for space.**

✧ *A loosely translated Know'm sayin'*

**Everybody has a  
hole in their sock.**

✧ *An infuriating Know'm sayin'*

**I thought the  
passage I was  
reading was  
memorable until I  
bookmarked it.**

*\* A Know'm sayin' with an uncanny  
resemblance*

**For a while  
knuckleheads were  
chuckleheads but I  
guess being one isn't  
funny anymore.**

*\* The unfunny Know'm sayin'*

**I know it's nothing  
to brag about but I  
just went to my  
first rodeo.**

*\* A time-shared Know'm sayin'*

**Cloning research  
only gets approved  
if it isn't redundant  
but shows real  
potential to be.**

✧ *The Dad joke Know'm sayin'*

**It's strange how just  
the name of certain  
things makes you  
curious.**

**Like the “Peppermint  
Scandal.”**

*\* A Know'm sayin' named Walter*

**I bought an  
Albatross necklace  
but I prefer to call it  
a large seagull.**

*The other Know'm sayin'*



**The thing about  
relationships is you  
have to be more  
sensitive, not too  
sensitive.**

*\* Know'm sayin'?*

**People who chant  
mantras don't know  
what they're talking  
about.**

*\* The Know'm sayin' I wish  
I'd thought of*

**I like to travel to  
unfamiliar faces.**

*\* I thought you told me I  
Know'm sayin'!*

**In a world of seeds  
where everyone is  
either a monocot or  
a dicot be an apricot.**

*\* I didn't mean I always  
Know'm sayin'*

**I know I probably  
need to eat more  
plant fiber but the  
real problem is  
moral fiber.**

*\* Sometimes I really don't  
Know'm sayin'*

**It took a while to  
concentrate on  
figuring out the  
cause for malaria  
because of all those  
damn mosquitos.**

*\* Just forget it, Know'm sayin'?*

**Everyone wants to  
be free as a bird.**

**But nobody wants to  
be free as a penguin.**

*\* Know'm sayin'?*

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