

Sometimes

Sometimes you'll hear people say - it's a piece of
cake
when what they really mean is- Please help me
remove
this bicycle chain that is wrapped around my neck.
Sometimes you'll hear them say-
Please help me find the bread and jelly sandwich
that was stolen from me when I was ten
when what they really want
is for you to paint the barn.
And sometimes a stranger gives you the heave ho
when all you said was-
I'd like to meet your sister in a dark alley.
Life's like that sometimes and sometimes the
reality
of a situation is actually as real as the actual reality
was before the situation arose.
It's like helping out a beggar
by emptying out the contents of his hat
into your pocket.

-Ed Romano