

No Win-Win Situation

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Cease the day
but give him the benefit of the daw;
time is of the elements
when the feeling is actual.

When it rains, it's four;
still, keep the bear in mind:
every cloud has a silver lightning
yet in the wink of an eye
it can all happen or take it away.

You can have your cake and bake it too.

If worse comes to shove
eat your hat out
for that's the way the cookie jars.

Been there, been that;
we're only human nature.

Now grab the bull by the balls
and get the most of all worlds.