Ghandi[1]:

"first they ignore you,
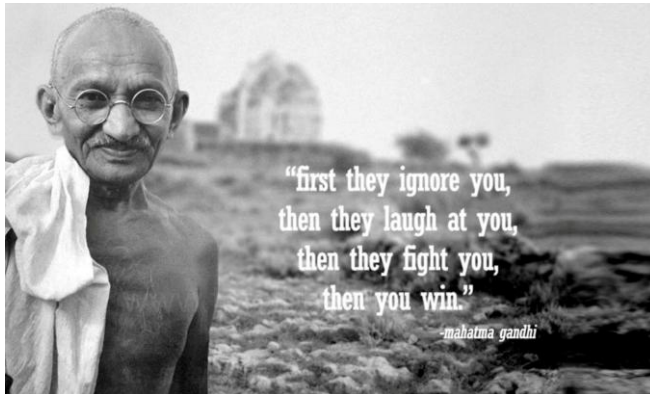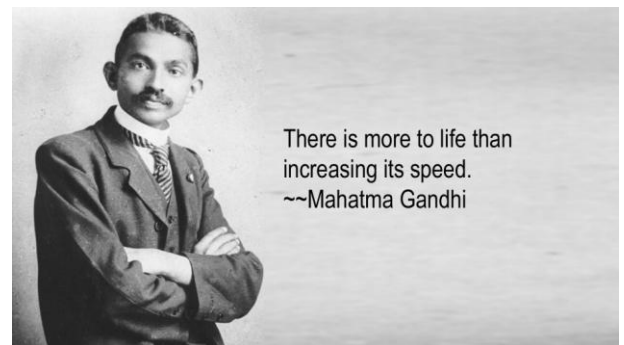then they laugh at you,
then they fight you,
then you win."
-mahatma gandhi

Zo gaat het met
de groten der aarde
aangehaald worden
te pas en te onpas.

Wat maakt een fietser
groot, groter, grootst,
winnen of diensten
verlenen ten faveure van.

There is more to life than
increasing its speed.
~~Mahatma Gandhi

Menigmaal blijkt
de lakei, de voorbereider,
in staat om met de armen
omhoog over de finish te gaan.

 Was hij echt beter
of was het spel
meer een achterhoede gevecht?

Jaarlijkse stemming
media verhalen
het draait om imago
en soms een beetje geluk.

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[1] *Wie voor mij stemt, zonder mij, is feitelijk tegen mij.*

The Winners – Bob Weir & Rob Wasserman

What is the moral? Who rides may read
When the night is thick and the tracks are blind
A friend in a pinch is a friend indeed
But a fool to wait for the laggard behind
Down to Gehenna or up to the throne
He travels the fastest who travels alone

White hands cling to a tightened rein
Slipping a spur from a booted heel
Tenderest voices cry "turn again"
Red lips tarnish the scabbarded steel
High hopes faint on a warm hearth stone
He travels the fastest who travels alone

One may fall but he falls by himself
Falls by himself with himself to blame
One may attain and to him is is pelf *(note 1)*
Loot of the city in gold or fame
Plunder of earth shall be all his own
Who travels the fastest and travels alone

[*repeat previous verse*]

Wherefore the more ye be holpen and stayed *(note 2)*
Stayed by a friend in the hour of toil
Sing this heretical song I have made
His be the labor and yours be the spoil
Win by his aid and his aid disown
He travels the fastest who travels alone

Travels alone
He travels the fastest who travels alone

Alone

Travels alone
He travels the fastest who travels alone

Travels alone
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He travels the fastest who travels alone

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-0mG0eA3cw

Notes
(1) "pelf" means "money; riches; lucre; gain; -- generally conveying the idea of something ill-gotten or worthless
(2) "holpen" is an obsolete form of "helped"