

BASED ON THE MYTHOS OF S. PLATH

Being of sound mind but rotten mood,
instead of writing my last will and testament
I'm scratching a credo onto my bathroom mirror:

Do not kill yourself
unless that's what you want to be remembered for.

Do not speak ill of anyone
who might retaliate by smashing the mirror.

Do not feed a child the truth
before admitting it's always the mother's fault.

Don't think happiness will improve your poetry.

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