Barese for English

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U' pulp se coce jind all'acqua soje

• **Literal translation**: The octopus cooks in his own water

• **Metaphorical**: Give time to time
Agguand' a Peppin'

- **Literal translation:**
  Catch Joseph

- **Metaphorical:**
  Expression used to suggest attention to happening events. Be careful!!
Sì' fatt la fgura tò!

• **Literal translation:**
  You made your own figure!

• **Metaphorical:**
  A jockey way to express compliment for someone bad action
Capo!

- **Literal translation:**
  Chief!

- **Metaphorical:**
  Hey, guy!
Ijiss sol!

• **Literal translation:**
  Come out, sun!

• **Metaphorical:**
  It is not exactly a good beginning
Facimm la fin d’l’ scarceoff'

• **Literal translation:**
  We make the end of artichokes

• **Metaphorical:**
  It is not exactly a good way going
L'acqu jè picch e la papr non galleggj

- **Literal translation:**
  The water is shallow and the duck doesn't float

- **Metaphorical:**
  The realisation that the lack of factors always produce negative results.
M’ fatt trend, facimm

- **Literal translation:**
  We made thirty, let's make thirty-one

- **Metaphorical:**
  So far, we cannot come back.
Si cadut da jind'o litt

• **Literal translation:**
  You fell from your bed

• **Metaphorical:**
  You woke up very early this morning
Passat u' sand, passat la fest!

- **Literal translation:** Passed the saint passed the party!
- **Metaphorical:** Time is gone and we don't need to celebrate someone
Ammandieneme 'ca t'ammandeng!

- **Literal translation:**
  Hold me that I hold you

- **Metaphorical:**
  We are both in trouble
Stam sott o' cil!

• **Literal translation:**
  We are under the sky!

• **Metaphorical:**
  Eventually we all are human and mortal!
E jun!.....dì cudd ca c'co l'ecchie alla

- **Literal translation:**
  First is done..... Said the one who injured wife's eye

- **Metaphorical:**
  I am on the right track to finish a heavy task!
U' Padretern da u ppane a c' non ten le

- **Literal translation:**
  God grants hard food to whom is toothless!

- **Metaphorical:**
  Sometimes there is no justice in this world!
La gallin fasc l'ove e o gall g'abbrusc 'u cul

• **Literal translation:**
  Chicken delivers eggs and the cock has a pain in his bottom

• **Metaphorical:**
  Complain about somebody else's hard working
Ammin la petr' e annascunn la man

• **Literal translation:**
  You throw the stone hiding the hand

• **Metaphorical:**
  You don't want to be responsible for your action
Non sì scktann n'giel ca m'bacc' te torn

• Literal translation:
  Don't spit out the sky, cause it will back on your face

• Metaphorical:
  Think before talking
La cer se strusc e la prigionion non camin

• **Literal translation:**
  The candles burn out but the procession doesn't walk

• **Metaphorical:**
  The time is fading away and nothing is changing