A Collection of Story Beginnings

“’Where’s Papa going with that ax?’ said Fern to her mother as they were setting the table for breakfast.”
(Charlotte’s Web by E.B. White)

“Spring had passed
So had Summer
Freddie, the leaf, had grown large.”
(The Fall of Freddie the Leaf by Leo Buscaglia)

“It was a beautiful sunny day on a farm in the northern hills of the country we now know as Italy.”
(Big Anthony-His Story by Tomie dePaola)

“Mr. Keene was a principal who loved his school.”
(A Fine, Fine School by Sharon Creech)

“Grace was a girl who loved stories.”
(Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman)

“That’s a nice hat,” said Chicken to Scarecrow.
(The Scarecrow’s Hat by Ken Brown)

“We were all sitting around the big kitchen table. It was Saturday morning.”
(Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs by Judi Barrett)

“I went to sleep with gum in my mouth and now there’s gum in my hair and when I got out of bed this morning I tripped on the skateboard and by mistake I dropped my sweater in the sink while the water was running and I could tell it was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.”
(Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst)

“It isn’t fair that my brother Anthony has two dollars and three quarters and one dime and seven nickels and eighteen pennies.”
(Alexander, Who Use to Be Rich Last Sunday by Judith Viorst)