The Emperor's New Clothes

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In the palace's halls,
naked lies adorn the king,
yet none dare to speak.
Illusions veil stark deceit;
the emperor's new clothes fade.

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