

POEM OF THE WEEK

THE THINGS PEOPLE SAY

The QUESTION is

“Do people say
what they mean;
Do people mean

what they say?

The alternative
Is talking in code
And present a blank screen.

By “people” I am being inclusive
Of whoever, wherever, whenever
You (Yes, YOU) might be
I’ll be hiding around the corner

That which we proclaim
Is a personal observation
Given, regardless of environmental
Influences and public opinion?

Is “honesty” aspirational
Is “truth” an abstract?

On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being the lowest)
I predict we would all score lowly (1 to 4)
Falsehoods are easier to deal with
(Don’t want to hurt another person's feelings)

Balderdash. Bah Humbug

We are cowards
Want to be part of the herd
Want to be accepted and heard
The cost! The cost!

Being cast aside
Being lonely and lost

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