

Second-hand Clothes

I didn't get to Central Park with Betty
who went to see how it looked – pretty cool, pretty?
flag-bedecked by Cristo and Jeanne-Claude –
only two weeks to get to see the saffron decor.

I came back from Italy; got all the news
heard of the crowds' disparate views of the views
their wondering was it worth it, was it really art
this squander of pennants on work-of-art park.

Betty certain if only because her gut
tells her it works, it's the goods, makes her feel up
though some folks can't see why flags whipping in air
should be such a treat, when in two weeks it's not there.

I listen and get a taste of Emperor's New Clothes
but second-hand – after all, I didn't go.

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