The Deconstructionist’s New Pants

this is a poem

it is a poem

about the song

that is inside

every poem

this poem must have

exactly four

syllables

in each short line

the word short there

was only there

to make it fit

necessity

is the mother

of all music

a song must match

the inherent

sacred rhythms

of your inbuilt

love of beauty

if it doesn’t

it will not last

remain with you

when the last word

has died away

this is a poem

is the chorus

it is more than

just the chorus

of this poem

it’s the chorus

of the whole book

is always true

is always there

like a friendly

cat underfoot

always right there

purring away

did you notice

that the first line

this is a poem

really has five

syllables?