

# **Tell all the truth but tell it slant — (1263)**

EMILY DICKINSON

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Success in Circuit lies  
Too bright for our infirm Delight  
The Truth's superb surprise  
As Lightning to the Children eased  
With explanation kind  
The Truth must dazzle gradually  
Or every man be blind —

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