

**WHEN WE USED TO HAVE TRUTH**  
**(A parody of “If we only have love” from Jacques Brel)**  
**Mike Delaney 12/21/18**

When we used to have truth  
Not alternative facts  
In a simpler time  
White was white; Black was black

When we used to have truth  
Now it's misleading claims  
And mendacity rules  
Useless fanning of flames

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Why can't we say, “he lied”?  
Not a falsehood or slip  
Not a fiction or fraud  
Not a fable or fib

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We see pants are on fire  
Lies that everyone knows  
A higher level of lie  
Bottomless Pinocchios

When we used to have truth  
Not fictitious deceit  
With no need to evade  
And no tweets to delete

<instrumental A and B>

B:  
We're told “truth is not truth”  
How dishonest; How lame  
A lying liar who lies  
A shameful man without shame

When we used to have truth  
We had wide-open eyes  
How sad to find out  
Here's where truth went to die

We can have truth again  
We can have truth aplenty  
In a really short time  
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