

The Emperor's New Clothes

from the album *Songs From The West Coast*

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♩ = 71

C F C/G G C C/E B^b/F F

4 B^b/F F C C/E F C

We bet on our lives and we bet on the horses in that upstairs apartment on Orlando and 4th. And

7 G Am C/E F C/G G

the rent was due and the rent man was knockin. Like a Chinese proverb we were always searchin

10 C C/E F C C/E

Nightlife's a no win but no - body noticed how we killed off the bottles looking good on the surface The

12

G Am Am7 C/E F G

dog days barked and the house cat got old We were Bonnie and Clyde in the emperor's new clothes

14

C F/A G/B

And the tears never came They just stayed in our eyes We re -

17

F/C C F/C C/B^b F/A

fused to admit that we wore this disguise Every inch of us growing like Pi -

20

Gm/B^b A^o A7 Dm Em7 Dm/F G7sus

nochio's nose As we walked around in the em - pe - ror's new clothes

23

C C F C/G G

8^{vb}

26

C/E B^b/F F B^b/F F C C/E

We flew by our wits and by the seat of our pants. In the

29

F C C/E G Am C/E

state of illusion in the nation of chance And the repo was haulin the wreck we'd been drivin and the

31

F C/G G C C/E

dashboard Madonna smiled back at us kindly We cheated the system never batting an eyelid seeing

34 F C C/E G Am

only the good through the holes in our shoes And our halos were rusty but we wore them proudly We were

36 C/E F G C F/A

two little gods in the emperor's new clothes And the tears never came they just

r.h.

39 G/B F/C C C/B^b

stayed in our eyes We re - fused to admit that we wore this disguise Every

42 F/A Gm/B^b A° A7

inch of us growing like Pi - nochio's nose As we walked around in the

45 Dm Em7 Dm/F G7sus C C F

em - pe - ror's new clothes

8^{vb}

48 C/G G C/E B^b/F F B^b/F F

51 C C/E F/C C

piano solo

53 G Am C/E F C/G G

55 C C/E F C C/E G Am

We were

58 C/E F G C F/A

Bonnie and Clyde in the emperor's new clothes And the tears never came They just

61 G/B F/C C C/B \flat

stayed in our eyes We re - fused to admit that we wore this disguise Every

64 F/A Gm/B \flat A $^\circ$ A

inch of us growing like Pi - nochio's nose As we walked around in the

67 Dm Em7 Dm/F G7sus B^b F/A Fm/A^b C/G Dm Em7 Dm/F G7sus

em - pe - ror's new clothes In the em - pe - ror's new clothes

70 B^b F/A Fm/A^b C/G Dm Em7 Dm/F G7sus C C F/C

Em - pe - ror's new clothes

74 C/G G C B^b/C F/C B^b/F F

77 C Dm7 C Dm7/C C