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This story is included in the book with the title of “The Young King and Other Stories”.

It tells about a young king who was really fond of beautiful things, such as fine clothes and rich jewels. But after finding out the miserable things behind those beauties he knew something much more valuable. He learned about other people's miseries that made him wiser. At the end of the story, he was crowned by the greatest power of God Himself.

My Favorite Quotation

“Can happiness wear what sadness and pain have made?” said the king (p. 7)

It seems that the young king had already realized his mistakes, and he knew better that in this world there were not only fine things. And also, it tells us that we cannot sacrifice other people only for our wealth or benefit.

My Comment

The story has a very meaningful moral message, especially for the young readers (and initially the author made these short stories for his sons as bed-storytelling). It gives some examples of good and bad things. Although, as far as I am concerned, those examples are a little bit difficult to be understood by children, even too miserable ones, they have happened and still, happen.

What is the moral of the story?

This fairy tale explores several themes, such as individuality, leadership, and compassion through the journey of a young boy who finds out he is heir to the throne. The story fulfills the aim to present stories of “coming of age” and “getting of wisdom.”