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All that Lies Under a Mask © by Yachira Feliciano Negrón

Prodigal son of the darkness,
how forthwith you have returned.

Dejected seeker of love,
you once again have been burned.

Far too late did you realize,
All the faults that you had amassed.
An unbearable price you now pay,
you'll never escape your past.

Too soon the mask slipped,
And a monster is all they could see.
You! Sorrowful martyr of misery,
now you will never be free.
And now they will discern,
What truly lies inside.

The Scarlet Letter that stains me,
to hate me is their duty.
To them I seem a beast,
but secretly dreams of beauty.
No second chances for I,
just a lamentable waste of
benevolence.



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Too late I was to discover,
The compassion I had in such
prevalence.

Verily it was fantastical thinking,
contrived by my tired mind,
There is heaven for the cruel,
but the Devil waits for the kind.

It's time I've stopped dreaming,
and recall the lessons of old,
Any hope that I have,
will forever,
and always, be merely fool's gold...



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Deep Inside© by Cianelle T. Pérez Larregui (8-2)

Sometimes I feel like nobody wants me, like nobody understands what I feel.

Sometimes I think I will be alone forever. And I know its kind of dramatic but it's, just what I think while I cry trying to get some sleep. Maybe my feelings are to deep.

It's sad the way I can understand other people's pain but when it comes to me, no one is really there for me. I hide those feelings behind a mask. What mask? Yeah that pretty smile and some makeup. Everybody thinks I have a perfect life but no one asks how I feel inside.

Sometimes I feel like I'm alone, and I do have a bunch of friends but I don't even know if they are real ones. Sometimes I think that people just want me for something and after they just leave. When I think about it just makes me sad but still I won't cry. Just another casual day with the perfect mask.

Sometimes I feel like I don't belong, like I don't get along. And for real what am I doing here? I just don't wanna feel pain, I'm tired going around with this perfect mask. No one really understands how I feel, I do understand them, I hear people and their problems, but when I need them they just vanish.

The perfect little girl they say, but in my world it's just a perfect mask that no one ever sees what's inside. There's a whole bunch of stuff I want to say, but I really can't. I want to be myself but when I try everybody judges and never understands. So here we go again another day with the perfect mask to hide what I really feel deep inside.



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Al callar © by Paola N. Galloza Palau (8-2)

Tu escuela un lugar feliz,
Al llegar a casa todo se torna
De una manera de ser infeliz.
Todos te escuchan hablar, pero al gritar dejan de escuchar,
Un grito que podría salvar.

Al callar el filo está dispuesto a tentar,
A un simple corte realizar,
Y marcas en tu piel son lo que pueden demostrar.

Al callar lo que tuviste que ocultar,
Cicatrices demuestran lo que hay detrás.
Un trasfondo sin más,
Un grito silencioso es lo que quizás puede ayudar.

Al callar dejas de comunicar,
Un dolor intenso que no deja descansar.
Sin descanso alguno dejas de sentir,
Y con dolor piensas que todo debe llegar a su fin.

Las lágrimas caen como la lluvia,
Borrando la sonrisa, apagando la luz.
El eco de tus secretos se ahoga en el silencio,
Un laberinto de emociones.



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En cada cicatriz, hay una historia de resistencia,

Un testimonio de valentía,

De lucha intensa.

Porque al callar,

Se pierden melodías.

Las notas de la vida,

Las armonías.

Permite que el amor cure tus heridas,

Y descubre en el silencio nuevas salidas.



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***The Lonely Star** © by Cirell E. Feliciano Betancourt (8-3)*

The kindest things,
Are the lonely ones.
Like a shooting star,
A brief flash of beauty.
Grating wishes to those,
Awake to see,
But destined to soar alone...



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La verdad de la vida © by Yaidaliz Crespo Rivera (8-3)

La vida es como un mar.

Las emociones surgen sin parar.

Así es la vida,

Hay subidas y bajadas

Como las olas del mar.

Hay personas que sufren todos los días,

En cambio, hay gente muy feliz.

Lo triste es sufrir de esa forma,

Llorar y nunca reír.

Sonrisas falsas todo el día,

Decir estoy bien cuando no lo estas.

Sentir que mueres cuando aún estas vivo,

No sentir dolor, solo el mental.

Así es la vida,

No la podemos cambiar.



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The Whisper © by Sofía I. Román Crespo (8-5)

Do you hear her voice whispering in your ear?

Her voice is soft and calming,
as she's trying to persuade you,
into believing that she's the one,
the one you need to believe.

At night,
in the dark you are sleeping,
and that's when she comes.
Every night while you are trying to sleep,
the whisper,
that endless whispering....

It will always be there,
no matter how bad you try to get rid of it.

Will always be there,
whisper, whisper,
That whisper it will never stop its roar.



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Move © by William A. Matias Mercado (8-1)

Sometimes it feels like,
I got a war in my mind,
I want to get off,
But I keep riding the ride.
I never really noticed that,
I had to decide.
To play someone's game,
Or live my own life.

Now I do,
I want to move.
Out of the black into the blue.



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La Amistad © by Jineishly Del Valle Avilés

La amistad es algo,
con un valor especial.
Es la unión ente dos personas que se quieren mutuamente.
Se dan cariño y amor,
Pero nunca cabe el rencor.

La amistad forja valores.
Tales de mucha honestidad,
Y respeto.
Al pasar el tiempo ya no se
siente como una amistad,
si no que como una hermandad.

Se convierte en mi persona favorita.
La que me hace ser más
buena cada día.
Pase lo que pase, sé que no me dejaras sola.
Pues siempre juntas
Hasta el final.
Con mucho amor,
Siempre te deseo lo mejor.



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Saccharine© by Alanys Vázquez Polanco

My whole life you made me feel bitter,
You gave me saccharine and it made me feel sicker.
I'm not amused that the side effects to you,
are the pain of being used once the sugar is consumed.

My whole life you made me feel bitter,
You gave me saccharine and it made me die quicker.
I'm not afraid of your venom or your pain,
But it's obvious to me that your sweetener is oh so fake.



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Memories© by Tatiana K. Serrano Soto

The other day I started thinking,
and I stumbled over some memories from the past,
memories I thought would forever last.

It was five of us against a bunk bed,
and way too many blankets.

We built our little house, talked, laughed and even chanted.

Oh God, how I miss those days.

Days of dancing while drinking our homemade frappes.

Every year I might get older, but in my heart I'm forever young.

And during that trip down memory lane,

I found out that those were the memories that would forever go on.

Yes, we might not talk like we used to before;

but everyone grows,

and in my heart, there will forever be love.



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Borinquen© by Lianys T. Hernández Rivera

Borinquen, isla del sol y el mar,

Encantos siempre habrá.

De esquina a esquina fabulas encontrarás.

Puertorriqueños, mezcla de razas,

Baile, comida y música tradicional aquí hallarás.

El lechón a la varilla no hablará

Pero muy rico sabrá.

La isla del Encanto es mi Puerto Rico,

Hermosa isla por mucho más.



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I Loved You© by Nayeli T. Rosa Pérez

I loved you so much that I ignored everything,

To give you **my love**.

I loved you so much that I stopped,

Contacting everyone to give you,

To give you **all my attention**.

I loved you so much,

That I gave my all to you.

I gave you **my everything**,

My love.

My attention.

My happiness.

My whole self.

My all.

Just for you to **take it**,

And leave me,

With **nothing** but,

emptiness.

I gave you **my everything**.... Jane.