

Am I Someone Else: Poems About the Art of Pretending

We all pretend, to some extent. We pretend to be happy when we're not, we pretend to be confident when we're not, and we pretend to be okay when we're not. But what happens when we start to lose ourselves in our own pretenses? What happens when we start to forget who we really are?

The poems in this collection explore the theme of pretending. They delve into the complex emotions that can arise when we try to be someone we're not, and they ask the question: who are we, really, when we strip away all the masks?



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The Mask

I wear a mask every day,

To hide my true self from the world.

I pretend to be happy,

When I'm really sad.

I pretend to be confident,

When I'm really scared.

But who am I, really?

When I take off the mask,

Who is left?

Without the mask,

I am lost.

I do not know who I am,

Or what I want from life.

The mask is a part of me now,

And I am afraid to take it off.

The Pretender

I am a pretender.

I pretend to be someone I'm not,

Because I'm afraid of who I really am.

I pretend to be strong,

When I'm really weak.

I pretend to be happy,

When I'm really sad.

I pretend to be confident,

When I'm really scared.

I am a pretender,

And I am tired of pretending.

I want to be myself,

Even if it means being alone.

The Other Me

There is another me,

A me that I hide from the world.

This other me is wild and free,

And she doesn't care what anyone thinks.

I am envious of this other me,

Because she is everything I am not.

She is strong,

And she is confident,

And she is happy.

I wish I could be more like her,

But I am afraid.

I am afraid of what people will think,

And I am afraid of being rejected.

So I hide my other me away,

And I pretend to be someone I'm not.

The Real Me

Who am I, really?

Am I the person I show the world,

Or am I the person I hide away?

I am both, and neither.

I am a complex and contradictory creature,

And I am constantly changing.

I am the person I show the world,

But I am also the person I hide away.

I am the pretender,

And I am the real me.

And I am still trying to figure out who that is.



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