



**Unmasked** © June 2020

Some cover their mouth  
Some cover their eyes  
Some cover their whole face  
To form a disguise.

Whatever the placement  
Whatever the plan  
Wear a Mask – Yes a Mask  
Whenever you can!

Conceal words soft spoken  
No expression or sign  
The Self communicated  
Now has boundary lines

What is to become  
Of communication and trust?  
All faces All races  
Facial Covering a must.

What will now become  
Of deep care and connections  
Take away facial recognition  
Used from birth deserves mention.

How can we unmask  
For loved ones or Self  
When social labels and ignorance  
Threaten our very health?

Now masks give permission  
To hide anger and hate  
Who corrects this? Not communities  
Waiting for this power to abate.

There's a solution so simple  
As old as the hills  
Unmask yes, unmask dear ones  
In Spirit of good will.

Be clear about one thing  
Do not step over lines  
Retreat far away instead  
As have others throughout time.

Seek seclusion in cloister  
Without mask without fear  
Follow the way of the Elders  
Bringing peace ever near.

Weighing benefit and risk  
Between seclusion or mask  
Continue seclusion with loved ones  
Some will choose this task.

If heart pains continue  
As panic prevails  
We seek solitude in Spirit  
Our God never fails.