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Behind the Mask (the mask is me)

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Inspired by the poem of the same title

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Footsteps echo down the crowded street,
Eyes locked — they stop, they stare, they read,
I wear this grin like a blade in the light,
Smile wide... but I ache inside.

She stares, she glares — yeah, I see her too,
Fear in her eyes like she's seeing through.
The joke's on her — I'm the devil in drag,
Loving every tear she can't hold back.

Behind the mask — where the shadows call,
A twisted grin, no face at all.
Be gone, be gone — but I can't break free,
Behind the mask...
The mask is me.

Cold wind cuts through the ghost I am,
A touch like fire from a stranger's hand.
Her eyes, like glass, they burn through my skin,
I know she's here...
She knows where I've been.

Her voice, so soft — like a curse, like a prayer,
Tearing through every mask I wear.
I'm screaming back but there's nothing to hear.
I built this prison, year after year.

Behind the mask — where the shadows call,
A twisted grin, no face at all.
Be gone, be gone — but I can't break free,
Behind the mask...
The mask is me.

Every game I played...
Every soul I stained...
Every time I laughed in the face of pain —
It carved me deep, it carved me cold,
Now the mask is all I know.

Behind the mask — where the whispers crawl,
A hollow grin, no face at all.
Be gone, be gone — but she won't let go,
She sees my soul.
Behind the mask — where the whispers crawl,
A hollow grin, no face at all.

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