My Mask

I wear my mask to hide my fear, To shield the things that I hold dear.

To protect my feelings from being misused, To keep my heart from being abused.

To guard the thoughts I have spoken, To save my trust from being broken.

I get peace from this mask I wear, It dulls the pain I have to bear.

The only rule I have to abide, Is no one may be let inside.

To be alone or put my heart at stake, Is the choice I have to make.

Do I stay where I have no tears, Or do I stand and face my fears.

For you my mask will hang on the wall, And only you, I'll risk it all.