

## We Wear the Mask

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1. What is the tone of this poem? Find two lines to prove this.
2. Why does the author mention his eyes being hidden behind the mask? What can eyes symbolize in society?
3. What do lines 6-7 mean?
4. In society today, who needs to wear a mask? Why? What does the mask symbolize?
5. What real-life social ills does this poem reflect?