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Masks – Haikus

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Scarcely worth wearing
When they slip like a dashed hope
Hammocks for the nose

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Degas' painting masks
Instead of milk-white tutus
Smiles dance like peacocks

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You're drop-dead gorgeous
Not cycling in your sport snood
Kiss me with it up

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"We all wear masks" is
A myth. It denies the truth.
We are one people

I wear a clown mask
To hide my feelings from you
Inside, I'm laughing

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Please wear a niqab
On entering this store. It
Makes us respect you

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Hiding in plain sight
Was not how I expected
To buy milk all year

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Just eyes hyperven-
tilate. Only they can see
What's really happening

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Cough, sneeze, belch your lunch
Keep it on, it's healthier? Don't
Look at the mess you've made.

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Future pandemic:
Knight helmet or bridal veil?
Be more fun next time.