

Andrew Lloyd Webber, Masquerade

CHORUS

Masquerade!

Paper faces on parade . . .

Masquerade!

Hide your face,
so the world will
never find you!

Masquerade!

Every face a different shade . . .

Masquerade!

Look around -
there's another
mask behind you!

Flash of mauve . . .

Splash of puce . . .

Fool and king . . .

Ghoul and goose . . .

Green and black . . .

Queen and priest . . .

Trace of rouge . . .

Face of beast . . .

Faces . . .

Take your turn, take a ride
on the merry-go-round . . .

in an inhuman race . . .

Eye of gold . . .

True is false . . .

Who is who . . .?

Curl of lip . . .

Swirl of gown . . .

Ace of hearts . . .

Face of clown . . .

Faces . . .

Drink it in, drink it up,
till you've drowned
in the light . . .

in the sound . . .

RAOUL/CHRISTINE

But who can name the face . . .?

ALL

Masquerade!

Grinning yellows,
spinning reds . . .

Masquerade!

Take your fill -
let the spectacle
astound you!

Masquerade!

Burning glances,
turning heads . . .

Masquerade!

Stop and stare
at the sea of smiles
around you!

Masquerade!

Seething shadows
breathing lies . . .

Masquerade!

You can fool
any friend who
ever knew you!

Masquerade!

Leering satyrs,
peering eyes . . .

Masquerade!
Run and hide -
but a face will
still pursue you!
GIRY
What a night
MEG
What a crowd!
ANDRE
Makes you glad!
FIRMIN
Makes you proud!
All the creme
de la creme!
CARLOTTA
Watching us watching them!
MEG/GIRY
And all our fears
are in the past!
ANDRE
Six months...
PIANGI
Of relief!
CARLOTTA
Of delight!
ANDRE/FIRMIN
Of Elysian peace!
MEG/GIRY
And we can breathe at last!
CARLOTTA
No more notes!
PIANGI
No more ghost!
GIRY
Here's a health!
ANDRE
Here's a toast:
to a prosperous year!
FIRMIN
To the new chandelier!
PIANGI/CARLOTTA
And may its
splendour never fade!
FIRMIN
Six months!
GIRY
What a joy!
MEG
What a change!
FIRMIN/ANDRE
What a blessed release!
ANDRE
And what a masquerade!
CHRISTINE
Think of it!
A secret engagement!
Look - your future bride!
Just think of it!
RAOUL
But why is it secret?
What have we to hide?
CHRISTINE
Please, let's not fight . . .
RAOUL
Christine, you're free!

CHRISTINE
Wait till the time is right . . .

RAOUL
When will that be?
It's an engagement,
not a crime!
Christine,
What are you
afraid of?

CHRISTINE
Let's not argue . . .

RAOUL
Let's not argue . . .

CHRISTINE
Please pretend . . .

RAOUL
I can only hope I'll . . .

CHRISTINE
You will . . .

BOTH
. . . understand
in time . . .

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