

# Masquerade

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Monsieur Andre! Monsieur Firmin!  
Dear Andre, what a splendid party  
The prelude to a bright new year  
Quite a night, I'm impressed

Well, one does one's best  
Here's to us  
The toast for the city  
What a pity that the Phantom can't be here

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 but who can name the face?

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

What a night! What a crowd!  
Makes you glad  
Makes you proud  
All the crème, de la crème

Watching us, watching them  
All our fears are in the past  
Three months of relief  
Of delight, of Elysian peace

And we can breathe at last  
No more notes, no more ghost  
Here's a health, here's a toast  
To a prosperous year

To our friends who are here  
And may the splendor never fade

What a blessed release  
And what a masquerade

Think of it, a secret engagement  
Look, your future bride, just think of it  
But, why is it secret? What have we to hide?  
You promised me, no, Raoul, please don't, they'll see  
Well then let them see, it's an engagement, not a crime

Christine, what are you afraid of?  
Let's not argue  
(Let's not argue)  
Please pretend  
(I can only hope)  
You will understand in time  
(I'll understand in time)

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