

“To Remove the Mask COVID-19”

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We wear the mask that protects and preserves.
It shields our face and shelters our friends.
This debt we pay for the food affair.
Though saddened from seclusion, we choose to care.
For how far apart, we Zoom to talk.

When the war is won, our debt is done
With handshakes and hugs,
Laughter and love,
Sunshine and swing.

The lockdown will be shut down.
The shelter-in-place will be erased.
The quarantine will quickly end.
And then we will see each other again.

For this
I will wait
To remove the mask.