


Shreyasi kudpi Rao's poem 'MASKS' features in Kloud9 magazine.

Impressive poem by our creative writer Shreyasi Rao finds its entry in the Kloud9 magazine. Shreyasi is a class XII student at The Orchid School.


Well done Shreyasi!!

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**MASKS**



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And we dance in twilight theatres  
Acting and performing elaborate skits  
Drama and black comedies  
"All the world's a stage."

As we portray our different faces  
Behind these bejewelled masks  
A plastered smile, a hidden tear  
And black soulless eyes stare back.

To fuel that dying need to hide  
And shy away from feeling  
We cower behind ten-foot walls  
Scared by confrontation, we stab back.

Camouflaging between mundane expressions  
Plain, bland  
Tasteless  
But our minds in tantalising turmoil  
Spiralling through vice and sin  
Eve's forbidden, delicious fruit.

And as curtains call and facades fall  
Oblivious to the world, we lie alone  
Lonely and isolated, we stare at empty walls  
And when we are certain no one's watching  
Masks are ripped off and touched up  
No one to notice the difference  
After all, it is 7 billion people and 14 billion faces.

