

Poetry Series

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# M A S K 2

I attach a mask.  
People admire me.  
Receive a mask.  
I attach a mask.  
People speak ill of me.  
Receive a mask.  
I attach a mask.  
People ask me for help.  
Receive a mask.  
I continue attaching a mask.  
Until I go into a comfortable place.  
Where is a comfortable place?  
Is it Heaven?  
Or is it hell?  
I continue attaching a mask.

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# Paradise

I walk toward paradise.  
How much far one  
It is not understood which it is.  
But it is said that some are difficult to get there.  
Joy!  
Happiness!  
Sense of fulfillment!  
Or  
Sadness  
Pain  
Despair...  
I would like to feel what is there.

I walk toward paradise.  
A certain person says.  
It is there that it is a ground of beginning and is a ground of his death...  
We leave paradise. If it returns to paradise ...

I walk toward paradise.  
It may be the beginning of an endless trip.  
Unspeakable uneasiness attacks the whole night day by day.  
I may want to be still there  
It will certainly be hopeful...

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