

The Answer
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We're caught up in a tornado of opinions,
Trapped in our own heads
Wearing masks woven of
Rigid beliefs and ideas.
As if we all speak different languages,
Refusing to learn each other's dialogue
Surrounding ourselves with thick walls
Built from harsh words that divide.
Making us deaf to
Anything new
Anything strange
Anything different

It's time to lower our masks
And tear down those walls.
It's time to learn each other's languages
Like how each of us pronounces *love*.
If we open our eyes to kindness and community,
We can see beyond people's opinions
Embrace their beliefs
To see who they truly are.
Making us open to
Their minds
Their hearts
Their love.