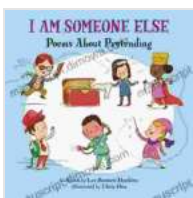


# Am Someone Else: Poems About Pretending

In "Am Someone Else: Poems About Pretending," poet Jeanann Verlee explores the many ways we hide our true selves from the world and even from ourselves. Through lyrical and evocative language, Verlee delves into the complexities of pretense, examining the masks we wear, the roles we play, and the secrets we keep.

"Am Someone Else" is a powerful and moving collection that will resonate with anyone who has ever felt the need to hide behind a facade. Verlee's poems explore the myriad reasons why we pretend, from the desire to protect ourselves to the fear of being judged. She writes with compassion and understanding, capturing the complex emotions that often accompany pretense.

In the poem "Self-Portrait," Verlee describes the act of creating a false self as a way to shield herself from pain:



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I paint a smile on my face, A mask to hide the tears. I pretend to be someone else, To escape my fears.

But beneath the mask, I am hurting. I am lonely and afraid. I long to be loved for who I am, But I am too scared to show my true face.

Verlee's poems are not only about the pain of pretense, but also about the potential for growth and healing. In the poem "Unmasking," she writes:

I am tired of hiding behind a mask. I am tired of pretending to be someone I am not. I am ready to take off the mask and show my true face.

I know it will not be easy. I know there will be people who will judge me. But I am willing to take the risk. I am ready to be myself.

"Am Someone Else" is a powerful and inspiring collection that will encourage readers to embrace their true selves. Verlee's poems are a reminder that we are all worthy of love and acceptance, regardless of our flaws.

## **About the Author**

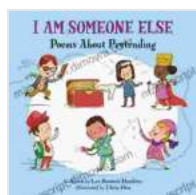
Jeanann Verlee is a poet, writer, and editor. Her work has appeared in numerous literary journals and anthologies. She is the author of two previous poetry collections, "In This Moment" and "The Space Between."

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