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Behind the Mask

Cmaj7
I am learning day by day
Am7/G
And I am stronger in each way
Dm7
Than I was the day I met him.
G **G7**
Still he fears I might forget him.
Cmaj7
I am left now to divine
Am7/G
What is going through his mind,
Dm7 **Fm6**
For he never says a word
Em7 **Dm7**
And he thinks I haven't heard.

(Chorus)

Cmaj7
What is the man behind the mask?
C7
Leaving me questions I can't ask:
Fmaj7 **Fm6**
If I should stay or I should go.
Em7 **Dm7**
Answers I think that I should know.
G **C9**
Daily, he's cruel and he is kind
Am7/G
And he is always on my mind.
Dm7 **G**
Wishing he didn't have to hide
Dm7 **G** **Cmaj7**
So I could see the man inside.

All I am learning has a cost
And I'm afraid of what he's lost,
Of the mask he's overlaid
To conceal the price he's paid.
As he stands prepared to fight
To protect us from the night,
He becomes a thing to fear
And no one dares come near

(Chorus) To visit the man behind the mask.

(Bridge)

Fmaj7 **Em7**
And I wish that I could show him,
Dmaj7 **C9**
But I'm not certain that I know him,
Dmaj7 **Fmaj7**
For the mask he wears is much more plain to see
G **Em7** **Dm7** **G**
Than what he thinks of me.

(Chorus)

Teaching me power and control.
Is it enough to make him whole?
Tracing the patterns of the spell.
Would he still notice if I fell?
Gold and silver in the air.
Does he remember how to care?
And what is it that I see
When I see him look at me?

(Chorus twice to coda)

Dm7 **G** **Em7**
So I could see the man inside.
Dm7 **G** **Cmaj7**
So I could finally learn to see the man inside.