

Decuain

Ancient Masks

Eleven Ghoulish Neolithic Masks
at Israel Museum

In Jerusalem oldest masks displayed
are 9,000 years old and carved in stone.
Found in Judean desert and hills, made
for communal rituals, now unknown.
Before recent theologies dethrone,
the spiritual quest sought meaning.
Before writing this mask stood alone,
served for their earthly and cosmic keening.
Our continuous story is on parade.
Take “selfie” photo with mask as upgrade.

New Year Resolutions

I have not broken new resolutions.
A New Age demands new ways of thinking.
I’ll think big toward peaceful revolutions.
I watch economies, icebergs sinking,
global warming heats as we’re caught blinking.
Go figure just how I will pursue it.
I am but one in our cosmic chinking.
Unity, joy– can we now renew it?
I’ll seek sustainable solutions,
try to clean up Earth’s dire pollutions.

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1. Ten lines.
2. Ten syllable lines.
3. Rhyme scheme: a-b-a-b-b-c-b-c-a-a