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I

My face is my mask
Protecting my vulnerability from curious eyes,
Colorful and feigned.
I exercise surfaced expressions
Only to please my inquisitive audience.

II

My core is my power
Sending purpose to each of my limbs,
Solid and boastful.
The energy condensed and spiraling within
So strong, it consumes me.

III

My legs are my calligraphy
Embellishing my smallest movements,
Limber and lean.
Their strength is cleverly hidden
Beneath the barrier enclosing my mind.

IV

My feet are my shells
Bearing the weight of my battered frame,
Used and abused.
So much brutality upon them, I've inflicted
Always humble without affirmation.

V

My mind is my challenge
Rebelling my plea for further discovery,
Stubborn and deceptive.
I yearn for progression, so endurance must avail
Yet my subconscious revels in havoc.