

For Once

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To be, but for one All Hallows Eve
Something other than ourselves,
Defying gravity and space,
Freed from every law of science
 and of God,
Mocking every trace
Of decorum and grace
That constrains our inmost longings.

Let's indulge in fantasy this one brief night.
Unveil our secret selves from shame,
Loose our inner demons to revel,
To un-disguise ourselves
For near ones and neighbors
To peer beneath our daily masks.