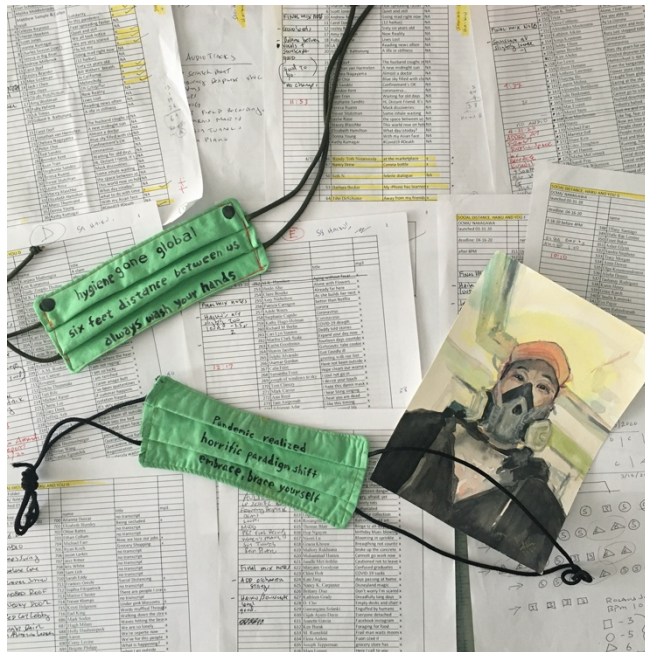


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PART A

Flu hit me
Novel news on TV now
Sensurround!

-Teresa
(read by Alan Nakagawa)

How should I labor?
When home and work become one
all I have is time.

-Beth Stone

Melancholy Me
Embraced Through the Silences
Simple, Unpretentious

-Rory Sloan

We are connected
A man gets sick in China
The falls to knees

-Kathy Benson

still shelter in place
fifth floor apartment at sea
stem tides of contact

-Andrew Thompson

Shopping Trader Joe's
Patiently he waits, swoops in
After I move on

-Richard Utter

the dish pile grows high
we eat every meal at home
the dogs are happy

-Yasmin Ono

The trails are empty
Like the many shelves at Vons
Where am I more scared?

-Melissa King

wanting to hold you
silence rings a fire bell
wind is not enough

-Roger Gilroy

Warmth in solitude
Pause, feel, deep within the heart
All that we have missed

-Weng-San Sit

When you're fearing men,
Find a shovel and dig soil,
Plants make for nice friends.

-Aramazt Kalayjian

Woke up at midnight
Love the day after the rain
Teddy bear by my side

-Zhongjin Wang

Fear, oh mighty fear
driver outrageous actions
Impulsive leader.....

--Joy Neri

It invades unseen.
Microscopic militia.
We extend distance.

-Jay

Can the bumblebee
feel quarantined inside the
flower petal's bloom?

-Tommy

invisible ... old ...
now ninja !!! WHOOSH !!! now noticed
— grey beard wrapped in black —

- CorradoGong

Festive ambiance
She does not reveal her wish
Quarantine birthday

-Veronica Hosking

Lots of people dead
A virus from a dumb bat
No clue what to do

-Archer Anderson

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Sixty six years old
Could be the one to succumb
Scary times, spread love

-Lesley Brander

Spring still blossoms
Without witness
Quarantine

-C. J. Korisky

Six feet between us,
Sharing in one common goal.
Apart, yet a part

-Cathy Malkemus

String piecing face masks:
Prevention beats pandemic;
Control what I can.

-Alanna Nelson

Sunny Masters week
A human, virus racing
the Easter Bunny

-Rob Preiditsch

Please be safe, stay home!
Then we can all be heroes.....
For more than one day!

-Paul Malkemus

remember the song?
eat a lot of peaches
summer will come soon

-Anna Rose Canzano

Self-isolated
Endless lines for groceries
Stay safe stay healthy

-Krysta Anders

Stay home for own good
So quit your bitching right now
Haiku is answer

-Jim Coblentz

In California
Sheltered in place: my Kingdom
For a bicycle!

-Jack J. Chen

Social distancing
The telemarketer's call
An arm's length away

-Michael Henry Lee

Bill Withers' breath
Parrots take the lead, sing on
This April morning

-Max Geldman

The news said stay home
We are stuck, not stuck, here where
The cherry tree blooms

-Sara Roahen

Fingers clack keyboards,
eyes glued to computer screens.
Studentless school desks.

- Matthew Sample and Callen
Wolf

Window glass reflects
Lavender blossoms below
Out of reach and touch

-James Woods Marshall

My Christmas cactus
Confused, blooms red again in March
Consoling with beauty.

-Rita Nakashima Brock

Miss you lots right now
Wish covid was over soon
Let's Houseparty please?

-Steven Princenthal

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Sun streams through the trees
I watch the birds on the feeder
A hawk circles near

-Constance Hodder

My home keeps shrinking—
boxes, for what were once rooms.
I long to breathe, free.

-by Sandra So Hee Chi Kim

coronavirus ...
a scattering of petals
on the schoolyard steps

-Brendon Kent

Play Chinese checkers
Walkers weave and jump spaces
Marbles in the groove

-Kathleen Weflen

First day of spring, oh,
what did you bring to warm our
frightful, frozen souls?

-Greggory Moore

We are very scared.
We miss our friends very much.
We love everyone

-Charles Sexson

Outside there's still joy:
drag queen flowers in the trees
purple up the air.

-Tony Barnstone

Sunshine warms the ground
Trees dance outside my window
I dance by myself

-Ann Tracy

The sense of lonely
More than aloneness lingers
Here – everywhere

-Terry Berkowitz

privileged distance
unearthing depths of my soul
a forced oasis

-Katerina Jeng

Almost a doctor
June Fifteenth Twenty Twenty
Death is possible

-Chelsea Nagayama

Productivity
Time's warping is welcome though
Involuntary

-Letitia Fernandez Ivins

an indolent spring
islands of isolation
dahlias stooped with grief

-Megha Sood

the space between us
in the grocery aisles
every face masked

-Leslie Rose

bubbling springs singing
painted desert frozen trees
viral pursuit home

-Colleen Loomis

The trails are all closed
Nature trails, chemtrails, and
The trail to my heart

-Adriana Yugovich

I just turned 18
Video chatted with friends
Senior year is sad

-Claudia Kiso

This world now on hold
Perhaps good will come from it
Imposed reflection

-Stacey Blaschke

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We all took notice
Such strong powers you possess!
Now, leave us alone!

-Jeanne Kumagai

Waiting for old days
Spreading like wine through white sheets
Lost my job today

-Xuan Tran

No traffic No planes
Distant laughter drifts over the canyon
Only birdsong now

-Mark Romanek

Fragrance of citrus
Blossoming around the yard
We don't venture out

-Elon Schoenholz

Oh caterpillar
It's only humans at risk
No need to worry

-Claude Hutcheson

at the marketplace
long lines of grocery carts
snake past empty shelves

-Wendy Toth Notarnicola

I am 6 feet from
insanity, but I still
have TP and wine

-Malika Middlebrooks

FaceTime with old friends.
Feels good to catch up and laugh.
We can still touch base.

-Michael Rippens

Hug again, but when?
Touch me not, I'll fall apart.
Longing in my heart.

-Marci Thurmond

Isolation blues
missing the vast ocean waves—
memories remain.

-Rita Cummings

Once ubiquitous
Freight trains are scarce now
Or empty of freight

-Celia Bland

In this pandemic
we all are safer at home
We heal and we grow

-Celeste Reynoso

Risking their lives to
save others no protection
fearless fight till won

-Tish Lampert

Stuck inside all day
Getting on each other's nerves
Going stir crazy

-Katryn Dougherty

Clear air now crackles
Soft breezes now thrum with dread
Each breath now a hope

-Sean Quintal

New job, life apart.
For months: calls, short trips. I'm here!
Virus too! We're home.

-Kristin Loomis

We stay inside now
Outside light comes in to us
We shine as before

- Miles Beller

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PART B

Spring still blossoms
Without witness
Quarantine

-C. J. Korisky

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Sharing in one common goal.
Apart, yet a part

-Cathy Malkemus

Self Isolated
Endless lines for groceries
Stay safe stay healthy

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remember the song?
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summer will come soon

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Please be safe, stay home!
Then we can all be heroes.....
For more than one day!

-Paul Malkemus

My small morning world
Expands with rambling birdsong
I borrow their wings

-Lilli Cooper

Hi, Distant Friend. It's
CoronApocalypse Time;
Hope You Like Yourself.

-Stephanie Sanditz

go getter spirit
That's what I love about you
I'm your nurse in awe

-Jeanette Bouvet

cooking teaching child
care cooking teaching childcare
Cooking teaching child

-Lisa Sanditz

Pavement soundless pales
Invisible enemy
Creeping empty beds

-Rebecca Liu

Quarantine writing
Poetry noon and night
Outside pouring rain

-Mike Sonksen

Reeking of Clorox
I become unclean again
Return to the sink

-Sarah Gomez

senior shopping hour
some sad Halloween parade
brave shabby surgeons

-Ann Elliott Sherman

The telephone rings
Put on my mask to answer
I'm losing my mind

-Beverly Hritz

Sunny Masters week
A human, virus racing
the Easter Bunny

-Rob Preiditsch

A humming fridge and
A wall heater make sad company
In isolation

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Washing my hands raw
Cat VideoFestTv
no need to explain

-Cheryl Towers

yellow bananas
grow black spots like cheetah fur
time to bake some bread

-Sandra Payne

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I trepidacious
Enter the grocery store
Please coconut milk

-Mallory Catlett

Twenty Twenty sucks.
Social distancing ordered.
Stuck inside and bored.

-Gordon M. Moore

All are affected.
Different experiences.
Viral dissonance.

-staci b

Always stuck inside
Washing our hands constantly
Nothing but hope left

-Emma Kelly

an outbreak; heartbreak
Pandemic pedagogy
learn at a distance

-Lauren Hermann

At seven o'clock
Sound of many hands clapping
Not alone - Hooray

-Stephen DiLauro

beauty and heroes
kindness, banging pots and pans
be greater than fear

-Melanie Friedman

Blue sky in April
Quiet and comfortable
Waiting for sunset

-Sabrina Wang

Carefree dance above
Shades of soft innocence pink
Solitary view

-Linda Yamada

Confinement's OK
Perfecting sitting around.
Must watch more Simpsons

-Ted Sanditz

Coronavirus
Has me thinking about life
More than death today.

-James

at the marketplace
long lines of grocery carts
snake past empty shelves

-Wendy Toth Notarnicola

Corona bottle
glows in a dark bar, last call!
Corona virus

-Nancy Drew

My iPhone has learned
Not to auto-correct "Zoom"
"Clorox" or "Cuomo"

-Barbara Becker

Away from my friends
Can't go to the beach right now
I get to sleep in

-Tibo DeSchutter

A new midnight sun
From my laptop screen
Glaring with COVID newsfeed.

-Jonathan van Harmelen

Big brown eyes beg me
What happened to our rambles
Lockdown with two dogs

-Kay Marshall

a stroke of my hand
requires no social distance
against her green veins

-Jessica Rath

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CoronaVirus
Cover Your Mouth When You Sneeze!
Stay away from me.

-Gordon M. Moore

Bound safe in comfort
Reluctant to host what lurks
A blessing a curse

-Bill Gasper

Covering my face
Buying limit one TP
This blue bandana

-T.M.

Covid nineteen sucks
Anxiety, sickness, death
Together we fight

-Judith Molina

COVID-19 call—
each of us masked, on speaker
and 6 feet from phone

-Alan Bern

Dreams of sharing meals
Woke up to dull thoughts of doom
Hoping for touch... warmth

-Emily Hopkins

East Carolina
Graduation is cancelled
COVID-19 sucks

-Heather Atkins

Eyes above the folds,
he's distant but still social.
You can't mask a smile.

-Michael Nowicki

global pandemic
yet the birds sing joyfully --
two realities

-Thomas Deslypper-Hamon

Heartbroken world mourns
Loss of who we were before
Waiting for new life

-Margaret Simon

hospital hallway
a useless smile
behind my mask

-Michael Morell

I am fortunate
Have health, family, friends, food, work
While others do not.

-Eileen Cunningham

It moves silently
Seek sanctuary within
Still--the flowers bloom

-Melissa Laussmann

Lost all engagements,
Creating beauty from home:
Resident Artist.

-Tami Swartz

Long calls, vibrant chats,
Friends, families, catching up—
Closer—but not quite.

-Rebekah C. Mambiar

Melancholy home
Lack of stir dispiriting
Why the rain right now

-Alexis Disselkoen

Nature has designed
microscopic messengers
to rescue herself.

-Val Zavala

On this rainy day
I forget that staying home
is mandatory.

-Sarah Cunningham

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Numbers, in the glass
Russian Resurrection is
New news, like cold rain.

-James Klopfleisch

Once unfettered heart
compressed in wind-waves of dread-
sea limpet clinging.

-Kim Scheiblaue

String piecing face masks:
Prevention beats pandemic;
Control what I can.

-Alanna Nelson

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This rustling space sells
itself as silence, sitting
in my pen's window.

-Benedicte Kusendila

A confusing time
When you have a newborn and
Fight a pandemic

-Rowena Winkler

A life in stillness
How's quarantine treating you?
Are you doing good?

-Gilbert B. Battung
(read by Ziying Duan)

A red-tailed hawk calls
from a social distance, then
the forest responds

-Jessica R. Kratz

A silence inside
While out, the birds are raucous
Singing eulogies

-Jonathan Shipley

a virus occurs
the world is in danger
a hero stays home

-Brian K. Saxby
(read by Ziying Duan)

Alone, I live mute
Unsure if my voice still works
Testing one, two, three

-Tricia

Are you able to
Hear me from behind this mask
Voices carry weight

-Alexa Coblenz

Ay La Llorona
Today the dreadful 'rona'
Together, alone.

-Alessandra Moctezuma

Covered nose and mouth
Bright eyes meet a gentle nod
Give a hidden smile

-Kathleen Atkins
(read by Ziying Duan)

Busy just stopped today
I fret, but I could create
Time can be scary

-Sonja Krastman

Coronavirus
Scary, worldwide pandemic
Must shelter in place

-Debby Olsen

Coronavirus
Demanding separation
You brought us closer

-James Bowden

the garden lilies
welcome delight at this time
worry can wait now

-Susan Charles
(read by Jamie Larkin)

Drizzled dejeuner cold
Sneezing cashier spirit waits
A Muffled red-faced soul

-Joe Lewis

hushed downtown street
rainfall plays tinkling etude
on storm drain's dark pool

-Mac Everett

The virus is here
Folks ask why now not later?
Pandemic lives on

-Mark Wagner

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Cannot go to school
Horrible mad frustrated
Boring not happy

-Henry Hemann

Industry halted
Mother Earth takes revenge
Time for Spring cleaning

-Meriel Stern

does sky yearn for smog?
no cars spew to flawless beach
freed from storm-drain's lost

-Kim Abeles

Go downstairs, coffee
Go upstairs and back to work
Zoom is hacked again

-Julie Beckmann

Gazing at the sky
I cherish the smallest sparks
And watch the silence

-Alexandra Bertilsson

Fraught from global grief
My mood's lifted by music
and watching Schitt's Creek

-Lauren Molina

Flower store close
But flower still blooming
Like we still breathing

-Huiying Ho

Even the kangaroos
respect the long reach
of each other's shadows

-Anthony Lawrence

Homeschool is not fun
Parents are bad at school work
I wish I could play

-Edison Hemann

Like fog, fear creeps in
"You can never dance too much"
Devotion saves lives

-Stacey

Silence stills, dressing
The weathered old window sill
In sunshine and dust.

-Micah McCormick
(read by Jamie Larkin)

People cheer and clap
To the doctors and nurses
Thank you for caring!

Marie Le Goff

people must connect
virtual meetings: no good
human contact: key

-Diane Kew

Now we lose our jobs
And learn how poverty kills
What a harsh trade off

-Michael Farr

Red and blue, white too
Hoard groceries and guns but
Can't mask the problem

-Giles Troughton
(read by Jamie Larkin)

Running, from others?
Or myself. Inhibition
of inner distance.

-Carl Hansen

Social order twist.
Isolate or intimate,
I'm missing the hugs.

-Warwick Willcoxson

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social distancing
a river turtle slithers
from a crowded log

-Sandi Pray

the silent killer
always ready to migrate
to a new war zone

-Gopal Lahiri

Still doing laundry
Here at the end of the world
(shrug) Ran out of briefs

-Anthony Serpette

soloists guided
by shared frets exploding
across scarred space

-Teresa Layden

sounds of silence
so many, so fleetingly
and just one virus

-Jean Wattenberge

springtime mothers mourn
the absence of infield dust
on kids' baseball pants

-Stacey Murphy

Your beautiful smile
Is hidden behind that mask?
Try twinkling your eyes.

-Linda Saldana

We pick out fabrics:
Whimsical? Classy? Witty?
Face mask personas

-Sonja Reid

Strapped in my seat, I
pray for a Sully to land
us on the Hudson

-Chris Fitzpatrick

Damn the cashier coughed
Two dollar bills in her hand
Soap water save me

-Brian Budenholzer

the animals beg
don't return to the old ways
the planet agrees

-Katherine Keeney

Waves break upon sand
Birds seek food at water's edge
Yet, a world transformed.

-Carolyn Casas

Vile life-changing blight
Stealing smiles across the globe
Ralph Lauren sews masks

-Miche Evans

To love is to lose
And so to lose is to die
Don't love corona

-Shania Shahab

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Stay inside people
The Rona has gone viral
It's not safe outside

-Ian Jin Lee

A calm, gentle breeze
I stare out on to the coast
Summer feels distant

-Kanjana Mathongsa

about corona
we read and read all day long
vaccine soon, we hope

-Kris Kuramitsu

Adrift in the sea
of uncertainty without
my trusty paddle

-Trudy Zoepfel-Thuline

Aging without fear
Sky trees pink moons and puppies
Now all souls seek grace

-M.K. Hamilton

alone through a screen
the world spirals loss and fear
please keep your hands clean

-Sabine Holler

Church bells ring alone
while Italian ambulances
wail away.

-Veronica Scharf Garcia

COBOL resurrection
Bugs gnawing ancient software
Old is new again

-Adrienne Bell

Coronavirus
The world helping each other
We will survive this

-Vicki Hada

Day begins in bed
Every day is the same thing
No energy here

-Emily Jaudes

Doctors are tweeting
About watches still ticking
On dead patients' wrists.

-Shannon Fletcher

done with the tik toks
wait I gotta get on zoom
insta is boring

-Kari Belle King

Family all home.
Laughter and games, but no space.
Is this good or bad?

-Lexie Woodman

fat chicken lays egg
at sunrise, we eat the eggs
during quarantine

-Finley Nichols

Got to be healthy
Stay at home where it's germ free
Go away from me

-Lucas Wang

green and yellow waves
grey wind, stare drip drip swoosh drip
clock in, click, repeat

-Michael Manalo

home isolation
how to know myself again
soul freedom, mind clean

-Rebecka Maine

Home, where the heart is
So too the lungs, whole bodies
Slow, to protect them

-C.A.M. Rooker

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I am not raging!
Calmly I wait for my still
tamales to dream

-Ace Cuevas

I am so lucky
That I can be safe at home
Tricking Miss Rona

-Rosanne

I am terrified.
I just want to go outside
without masks and fear.

-Nikita Thummala

I can manage but
these sixteen syllables
in a pandemic

-Teri Rife

I've been quarantined
Since this virus swept The States
I long to hold you

-Michael Raver

If Summer happens,
And no one's there to hear it...
...will it make a sound?

-Cherie Lee

isolation frayed—
droplet chaos lungs respire
jet stream's viral wheeze

-Gary Denk

It's very quiet now
Spring rain washes over us
Life is more precious

-Jeffrey Arlt

Lady stood too close
I must not smell your perfume
It's not just the flu

-Simon Daley

leave them all outside!
soap and spray and wash them next
deadly groceries

-Lisa Amico Kristel

Melt into the bed
Spread me like butter on toast
But we're out of bread

-Elisa Hough

Stretch toilet paper
taut like a rubber band, one
roll survives three weeks.

-Erin Schalk

pandemic
a cloud in the shape of
a stingray

-Meik Blöttenberger

Quarantine not fun
I don't like staying at home
I like school better

-Nolan Wang

Quarantined apart
Lover does not understand
shadows in my heart

-Natalie Egnatchik

Regeneration
Healthy soil will heal the Earth
Will heal the people

-Roxanne Nigg

Restlessly waiting
Unfamiliar times ahead
Hope still lingers now

-Bella Michel Diaz

scattered stepping stones
we give new shape to distance
in grocery aisles

-Julie Naslund

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Selfless heroes stand
Alone is strength in numbers
Sacrifice for all

-Meri Jean Maruyama

sharing old stories
waiting to create new ones
locked down together

-Laurence Sullivan

Sing twenty seconds
Your fav: Prince, Bowie, Janelle
Red, chapped, clean hands

-Alicia Vogl Saenz

Social distancing -
jangling key chain at my waist
cries "leper! leper!"

-Marie Cox

Sound moves energy
Opening up your heart with joy
Work to release it

-Susan Shankin

Spinning lungs and brain
Orange hell but not the sun
Nest of nastiness

-William R. Fouts

Spring outside window
We are waiting like Godot
We are not alone

-Beth Pfuntner

Staying here at home,
Nobody out playing,
Staying here at home

-Ella Buckley

Stuck at home inside
Pox on you COVID Nineteen
Going back to bed

-Isabel Belen

Stuck inside all-day
Facetiming friends, not as fun

Eating my feelings

-Liv Sullivan

Sunrise and Sunset
Life continues onto ends
Sunset and Sunrise

-Sean Yoo

Take this rock, my glance
Turned upside down by our world
This long, absent spring

-Hikmet Sidney Loe

The new normal is
Clearer skies, diminished stress
Love expressed at last

-Savannah Salazar

The unknown we are confronting
Understanding is stressful
This pandemic is turning us to the meaning
of life

Carmen Vargas

The world never looked
so beautiful as it does
when it's forbidden.

-Scott Brown

Under the mask a
Sauna is born, heated and
Alive and free

-Julie Leah

Under the window,
is my table and orchid,
useful and trying.

-Samantha Alsina

Watch the world, my friend.
We are all on the same boat.
We need each other.

-Roberta Orlando

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We have chicken day
on chicken day you lay eggs
You are a chicken

-Declan Nichols

Will I wash the sheets
we shared before only to
lose the scent of you?

-John H. Maher

You struggle inside,
First world is not the whole world,
Your spring break can wait.

-Santos Nunez

We can only travel
During coronavirus
With Dodo Airlines

-Sophie Buckley

Zoom, Skype or FaceTime
I choose Animal Crossing
Those are my real friends

-Angie Chau

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PART E

Alone with flowers
I finally understand
what a still life is

-Heido Aho

Already far here
My people pop in pixels
Text cannot be touch

-Claire Bourke

As she builds her nest
Phoebe teaches mother craft
Distantly—through glass

-Amy Nicholson

corona
in between bare branches
evening sun

-Adele Weers

better than Netflix
kittens on YouTube
lockdown NYC

-Patricia Carragon

Coronavirus
travels through the empty streets
confused

-Stephanie Cupido

Coronavirus
Now, home together always
And six feet apart

-Katy Hugo-Holman

It's more than a month
the last time I hugged a friend
My cat gets lots now

-Veronica Esposito

COVID-19 death
Blue body, tearful intern
Senior doctor coughs

-Richard M. Berlin

Hope clears our worries
Despite constant feel of fear
Together we fight

-Samantha Foist

Have not been outside
I want to go on a walk
But not wear a mask

-Caila Feist

greeting with our feet
by changing Society
social distancing

-Shamar Gordon

Got Covidly ill,
Married for 51 years,
Holding hands- they die.

-Delphi Alvarado

Girlscouts: take cookies
back. Boredom: I bite; grow fat.
Too many Thin Mints!

-Sharon Jacobs

fourteen days countdown
hoping from within our homes
together alone

-Kasha Goodreaux

Expand your day now
Stress charming innovation
Speak grateful at home

-Martha Clark Scala

Daddy told stories
We laughed. He cried. Everyone's
Father. He touched us.

-Cari Lyn Stanton

I could not go on
then I drank filtered water
and laundered fresh clothes

-joseph of windows to sky

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I desire your touch
No peace in isolation
The days grow longer

-Tom Clancey

I hate this damn mask.
...I save the world with this mask.
...I love this damn mask.

-Mark Carrier

I hear Sting singing:
please don't stand so close to me
always liked that song

-Ann Reed

I hear you are dead
mostly black and blue "I can't breathe"
matters of life and death

-Tam Ampomah

I like this timing
Now we can see plants move too
Slowness is a gift

-Adrienne Adar

I miss normal life
But this way will do for now
But my dog is glad

-Jadan Umholtz

I want to go out
I always miss my best friends
Soon it'll be over

-Nadiyah Henderson

Just me and my cat
Where are you? Phew, there you are
Drama for the day

-Ken Marchionno

Prep, Tape, Zoom, repeat ...
Teaching across The Abyss,
The COVID Classroom.

-Jeannie Breen

Poor avocado
Left out too long to ripen.
A quarantine crime.

-Laura Lipson

Pandemic kills many
Unkosher meat, cleaner air
Care for man, beast, Earth

-Christina Zlotnick

Our minds separate
us more than a fog of
alien viruses

-Angel Tolomei

Nature has designed
microscopic messengers
to rescue herself.

-Val Zavala

Mother Nature warns
Remember what is sacred
Human, Health and Earth

- Linda Josephs

Mask over my face
My eyes try to meet others
No one sees my smile

-Barbara Osborn

Looking through windows
Birds go on building small nests
In time we will too

-Laub

Locked away closeness
Background lost quiet planet
Loud politicians

-Lynn Sindoni

PROPORTION doesn't matter
We need each other TO GRIEVE
Haikus WENT LIMP

-Maria Giraldo

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PART E

Quarantine today
I open the window wide
Let the bird song in

-Marcia Gutiérrez

Reduced to a screen
Imprisoned by circumstance
Wish I could see friends

-Addie Hoffman

sad, walking alone
no one else around. just me.
sickness hurts us all.

-Annabelle Mauer

Seder via Zoom
Passover Hollywood Squares!
virtual blessings

-Anna Reed

Social butterfly
Out and about loving life
Now a housebound slug

-Terri Goldstein

Stay in the house now
or else disease will kill us
COVID is scary

-Aylana Golaub

Stretch toilet paper
taut like a rubber band, one
roll survives three weeks.

-Erin Schalk

While I am confined
starlings strip away siding
And nest in the eaves

-Vicki Stelma

such a small creature
wreaking havoc world over
it's size matters not

-Candace Metzger

When the slowdown ends,
will I fall fast to old ways
or emerge one changed?

-Andrea Hope

We practice Tai Chi
One parking place per person
Ancient sequence calms

-Susan Twiggs

View from my window
Sharp blue colossal skies that
Desolate and curve

-Jo Metivier

vernal pools of light—
she embroiders a haiku
on her home-sewn mask

-Astrid Egger

There is a lighthouse
In my quiet heart and home
That no storm can touch.

-Annika Sampson

The silent blue skies
I think of this place and when
We will have tacos

-Aimee Williams and Chris Torres

The earth from above.
No lines or labels, We are
In this together.

-Don Do

tending home with love
as if guests arriving soon -
but just birds and blooms

-Lorrie Tom

Zoom meeting at one,
Another at 2, and 3,
Connections bad! I....

-Elizabeth Wadell

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PART E

With COVID-19 virus pandemic,
our Saturday night gatherings were greatly
appreciated.
Now, it's time -- unite, pray.

-Nancy Min

Willet by water
Peeps and plovers at low tide
I am not alone

-Anh Phuong Tran

Wine is running out
But we are only half way
Sobriety looms

-Leanne Feris

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PART F

A fairytale walk,
spurs her youthful dreams beyond
what she would have thought

-Daisy Triggs

A finch yanks his mate
Under a white trembling sun
Corpses quake deaf ground

-Lila Dlaboha

Between the first cough
and the last gasp, symptoms spread,
sheltering in place

-Marianne Boretz

Who are the heroes?
New perspective with new eyes
Now, what matters most?

-Suzanne Lopez

Breathe the blossoming
Of the Earth unencumbered
By our existence

-E. Nathan Van Hala

Busy birds flit fly
Pussy willows bursting buds
I can only wait

-Miyashiro Jerelyn

Days are passing by
Lonely social exclusion
Stuck in Quarantine

-Ryan Kehler

Death is all around
People are sick and lonely
But I am thriving

-Anastacia Mantoni

Gratitude restores
Thoughtfulness abounds here
Slow down and listen

-Robin Carleen Anderson

I just want a hug
You can't hug six feet apart
That makes me so sad

-Annah Shaheen

I miss you, Lover
An ocean is between us
Stuck here by disease

-Sarah Barton Schlee

Keep your distance, please
But flash a wave or peace sign
Connect with your heart.

-Elizabeth Sommers

Life in quarantine
Sleeping, eating, and working
Each day feels the same

-Lucas Garcia

Lotto tickets grasped,
he exits market, mask on,
hoping for good odds.

-Holly Tempo

Morning coffee first
Conditioned machine drinking
Regular morning

-Cindy Berg

One of the few times
I feel glad that mom and dad
can only see from heaven

-Martha

Questioning Distance
Coronivduals Arise
Choose the other side

-Brad Collins

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PART F

Slouched on my bedsheet
Procrastinating a lot
The cycle repeats

-Amaan Shaikh

The stars misaligned.
Human endurance, a sign,
only hope, to find.

-Nicole Dizon

Staying home for others
Protecting other people
Netflix and chilling

-Robert Fiedler

some ways are not done
forsythia blooms, birds nest
flies die on the sill

- Daniel Mack

someone said, before
this is over everyone
will have lost someone

-Meryl Natchez

Stay six feet away
No contact with any people
We need to stay in

-Rosie Schibig

Stay the hell away
Keep-a your hands in plain sight
Suck that lollipop

-Dorothy Burns

Today wrote my will
Planted seeds for a garden
Prepare but hope

-anonymous

We walk outside now
New neighbors show new faces
We can not be caged.

-Henry Glickman

Stuck in these four walls
Hours pass and I'm alone
Is the end in sight?

-Daniya Beard

Such peace and beauty
Grateful for my distant friends
Our world is changing

-Emily Thiroux Threatt

Sunlight like weak beer
Time like honey
Unobserved azalias bloom

-Sophia Limacher

The husband coughs in
The other room. Don't panic.
So much is in bloom.

-Carol Dorf

The walls are shrinking
Anxiety chases me
When will it all end?

-Courtney McKelvey

the worry is more
than the bravery some days
but we carry on

-Kae Penner-Howell

This apocalypse.
All so surreal, including,
no toilet paper.

-Elisa Narsu

This is my goodbye
I wish I could be at school
Even just once more

-Grace Dolan

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PART F

Unexpected Switch
In class but sitting alone
When will this all end?

-Courtney McKelvey, Alex,
Elizabeth, and Angel

why's there so much fear
where did all the toilet paper go
so much confusion

-John Grather

Virtual teaching
WiFi down. Cat on keyboard
I miss my students

-Tracie Michalski

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PART G

Air born mind can't breathe.
Pesticide madness don't touch
Protect your minds, Health

-Tiffany Santiago

All I do is Eat
Quarantine is kicking my butt
This is Annoying

-Halle Rae Lentine

Alone together
Outweighs the alternative
Alone Forever

-Emet Baker

Alone with three kids
Distant from the global bug
My Sanity Gone

-Asher Glynn

barely inhaling
unable to take it in
silently dying

-Sandra Stephens, quoting E.R.
Doctor Helen Ouyang in the New
York Times

Solitary walks.
All the passersby are mute -
Yet the birds still sing.

-E. L. Key

Blur my background please,
to hide home office chaos.
Drat, my 'stache... exposed.

-Tracy Morgan

Dad fades from Covid
5 am New Jersey call
my cells start to shift

-Olga Koumoundouros

Depressing indoors
Oh the outside I adore

Dreaming of the end

-Alisha Dennis

Doctors and nurses
Struggling to make it home
We just hope

-Tashanay Rodriguez

Earth's viral weapon
forcing us inside, alone
hugging lethal now

-Karen Henry

Everyone panics
invisible killer strikes
normalcy is gone

-Grace Karch

Everyone's at home
Stuck in quarantine, oh no
Nothing to do here

-Claudia Kaminski

everything is not
essential to survival
let's change our ways now

-Eve Payor

Expectations gone.
Every day a new loss
and yet, flowers bloom.

-Lauren Rabindranath

Films of black and white,
Moving pictures fill my heart,
Sit and wait with time

-Idil Hermansen

friendly lockdowners -
never heard so much shouting
from across the street

- Jane Berg

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global pandemic —
the blossoms out my window
open in prayer

-Jessica Renee Dawson

Grandson through pictures
Our sick dying all alone
An ache in the heart

-Joe Pallen

Help us! Just stay home!
There in stillness, see the light.
Love means all of us.

-Debbie Maruyama

Can't go to the store
There is nothing on the shelf
I need some food now

-Anna Dewey

Here in Chicago
Silence invades the lakefront.
I hear the waves break.

-Gerard Wozek

Hit the ground running
Watch grass grow, paint dry, pot boil
Hope springs eternal

-Marta Ceja Mora

I am stuck at home
I am wasting many days
You are wasting me

-Claire Rappaport

I eat everyday
I miss seeing the sunshine
Let this be over

-Tyanna Klotz

I miss all my friends
So many plans were cancelled
Nothing left to do.

-Madeline Bilsak

I miss family
Waving at my mom through glass
Twenty-third birthday

-Becca Flohl

I want to be social
I just miss my family
When will we be free

-Julie Hilarion

I'm at my wits end
It is getting so boring
Society Paused

-Matthew Atieh

Jow(e)ls in focus
Floor siren face to face op-
tion. Mar gar et he.

-Renata Petropoulos

Looking through a globe,
see just the red color flow,
letting this pain grow

-Farol Seretean

Mental health falters
I feel the pain grow inside
When will this be done

-Lucy Bowden

My soul is yellow
Reaching for happiness yet finding none,
Alone again

-Brittany Barebo

No hugs or touching
Of the people we love most
Elders die alone

-Leann

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On rare drive today
I am stunned by glorious
Poppies everywhere

-David Leland

One small simple act
How can it have such an impact
All acts have impact

-Caden Weinhouse

President disappoints
We need more ventilators
Tired of sleeping

-Brooke Nodoline

Quarantine is dumb,
I do not care, let it burn.
I need to leave now.

-Benjamin Myers

Quarantine's boring
I would rather be in school
I wish it was done.

-Leo Mulrine

Redefining life
Growing out my eyebrows now
To reshape future

-Sara Dittrich

Rock yearns to be tree
Better to sway than keep still
Can't fucking do this

-Dorian Wood

Scouring online sites
Snagging whatever's in stock
Creative cooking

-Dora Clepper

Sheltering in place,
running out of things to say -
What do we do next?

-Ken Wollard
(read by Tom Allen)

Six feet distancing
Staying home meditating
Whispers in silence

-Irfanulla Shariff

Social distancing:
while friendships become distant,
we must be safe, too.

-Kylie Sykes

Spaces between words
Luminous shimmer of scar
My child's velvet hug

-Julia McNamara

Stand up, sit down, eat
Quarantine is not for me
Sit down, stand up, sleep

-Summer Medford

Strangers, everyone,
Will we ever meet again?
Fed Ex only, now.

-Elisabeth Condon

Stuck inside all day
Trying to stay positive
Freedom coming soon

-Mikayla Villalongo

The circuit breaker
Masks, gloves, 2 metre apart
Free isolation

-Nivedita S.

The skin of the world
Of course I am forgetting
I will be still now

-Sybil Mosely

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the winds arrived here
and reminded me of time
I do not now know.

-Ryan Weimar

Tiny beetle gleams.
New friend? I lean in. He flees:
Social distancing.

-Corri Lobezzo

Tired of crazy
Missing normal distractions
Which now seem insane

-Veronica Ota

Toxicant cruise ships
Stay inside, hug only your screens
Fear has gone viral

-Samantha Trayhurn

Trapped in Together
Unsure of our big world's fate
Be Considerate

-Andrew Tita

Up we must grow now,
(singular living: over)
quick as a crocus!

-Susa Silvermarie

Wash your hands now please
Before the germs continue to spread more
Stay home stay safe now

-Brielle Kiefer-N

Watch a virus change
A punk-rock cry composed by
Pinkish summer clouds

-Nika Pfeifer

We open ourselves
To what will come next in life
Be vulnerable

-Anastasia Kirages

Wearing my sweatpants
Anxious about my schoolwork
Want to go outside

-Arik Germanio

Weeks in quarantine
Surviving by Netflix shows
Missing celebrations

-Taryn O'Hearne

weeping every night
perpetually tortured
by love or despair

-Yoshie Sakai

What day is today?
What if this is forever?
I miss desmadre.

-Joan Zeta

What reality
Claptrap purveyors dither
The people prevail

-Robert Matthews

Where did the time go
All the unnecessary evil
Where do we start now

-Patrick McGee

WHERE IS MY MIND AT
WHERE'S IT AT, CAN NOT FIND IT
MAYBE ITS LOST, SHIT

-Evan Bunce

Working from home:
challenging to say the least.
Adapting takes time.

-Debbie Plaia

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Your pixel skin and
static voice can't compare, but
it'll have to do.

-Cat Tan

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PART H

We are so lonely
Not only lonely, but bored
We need more people

-Holly Daubenspeck

Walking down the street
My dog craps on plastic grass
I wear a black mask

-Mark Soden

when I go outside
agoraphobia strikes
yet spring carries on

-Rebecca Saunders

The cases are worse
Deciding who lives and dies
Families are hurting

-Arianna Ducsay
(read by Christian Sbaraglia)

Being secluded,
But together we stand strong;
Quarantine prevails.

-Elizabeth Burnley

Words Muffled Through Masks
Cold Glass Separate Our Gaze
Zoom For School Classes

Earl King
(read by Shimin Zheng)

Sleep, eat, rinse, repeat
Quarantine day one million?
Time lost all meaning

-Ethan Collum
(read by Sheryl Rubin)

With my Asian face
Is it safe to walk outside?
Maybe stay inside

-Donna Young

I waste all my time
Idling around my house
I should work instead

-Jason Larkin
(read by Sheryl Rubin)

National curfews
Panic spreads throughout the world
Must stay quarantine

-Jessica Ritter
(read by Sheryl Rubin)

Now we lose our jobs
And learn how poverty kills
What a harsh trade off

-Michael Farr

Stuck inside again
Boredom flowing like water
I'm losing my mind

-Chloe Bates
(read by Sheryl Rubin)

I feel stuck at home
Alone, anxious, and afraid
I want my life back

-Kris White
(read by Christian Sbaraglia)

Social distancing
We're all so close yet so far
we all feel the pain

-Samantha Lick
(read by Sheryl Rubin)

Staying far apart
We rarely make eye contact
But now we're closer

-Sarah Eddy
(read by Sheryl Rubin)

Stuck inside again
Boredom flowing like water
I'm losing my mind

-Chloe Bates
(read by Sheryl Rubin)

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PART H

sight beneath window
concentrated surveillance
I remember friends

-anonymous
(read by Shimin Zheng)

Cardinal chirping.
Scarlet bird, glittering eyes.
A glimmer of hope.

- Sofia Fitzpatrick
(read by Sheryl Rubin)

Waves hitting the beach
I cannot get back to shore.
Swim under and wait

-Hugh Milam

I feel lost in life
I don't want to waste my time
But how to spend it?

-Trevor Klomps
(read by Sheryl Rubin)

Social distancing
My health depends on your health
We will persevere.

-Frances Onishi
(read by Shimin Zheng)

Under pink blossoms
Spring air is fragrant and warm—
smiles behind masks

-Kristi Helgeson

Winter's snug retreat
With Spring became a prison.
Flowers are not snow.

-Catherine Barthel
Read by Shimin Zheng

Skies empty of color
Minutes lost into whole days
Forgotten, birds sing.

-S.M. Geer
read by Shimin Zheng

What is happening?
Memories of life before,
consume the psyche!

-Brigitte Philipp

Winter never came,
We cannot touch our faces,
Hopefully spring comes,

-Colin Finkbiner

Wisteria blooms
At the back of the garden
Shelter with us here

-Sharon Bliss

You, Social distance
Like Tiger mom, good intents
But choking my neck

-Morgan Oh

辛い時 (when challenging)
皆の優しさ (kindness of people)
光ってる (shines)

-Kyoko Gibbs

Virus unloved, thief
Stolen dreams and light fading
Victorious Spring

-Cindy Lane
(read by Shimin Zheng)

"We've got this people"
Have I piqued your interest?
Too bad! Its Fake News.

-Corey Levine

We're separate now
But together we're standing
Through our mind and soul

-Aaron

Grocery shopping
The shelves are devoid of food
Quarantine problems

-Ryan Koch

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syllables ordered
increase production by two
reduced stock, sorry

-Daniel Rothman
read by Shimin Zheng

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PART I

A collective breath
As we gather our senses
Yours mine theirs, now ours

-Tomisin Oluwale

A hummingbird
My mother's last breath
Her coat a plum sky

-Pamela Gemme

All the days blending
The people that we let stay
Life wakes up again

-Ariana Ortiz

All the flowers bloom
Bees buzz on the sunny day
Everything is dead

-Vivian Nava

Among chaos lives,
untold art, stories of grit
unemployed wonder

-Alexandra Varkarotas

An unseen danger
Suspension of physical touch
I just want a hug

-Dustin Wolkis

Anxiety rots
The mind and soul as if they
Were placed in a cage

-Brandon Vasquez

asphyxiated
we lose our minds rights beliefs
but never to life

-Kio Griffith

At-home collection
Mail-order vigilantes
#MeToo D.I.Y.

-Logan K. Young

Balconies hold art
Music home concerts abound
Virtual dancing

-Rosangela Dardon

Binge tv all-day
wish I could go out and play
disease please go away

-Thomas Blair

birthday blues blowing
out fires with my burning wish
claps for being born

-Hop Nguyen

Blooming in sprinkle
Peach blossom paint the world pink,
bring me back to spring.

-Nicori Lu

Breathing, not counting
While hearing more breaking news
In a quiet place

-Gracia Khouw

broke up the concrete
ground became my body. Why
were we both hollowed?

-Mallory Rukhsana

Cautioned not to leave
My privilege to stay home
I grieve for others

-Janelle McGlothlin

Confused graduates
Delaying celebrations
Trying not to cry

- Marigny Goodyear

Cannot go work now
Cannot go play sports in Spring
Do your best please, all

-Muhammad Hamza

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PART I

COVID-19 sucks
Away our end of senior
Year ceremonies.

-Chloe Holt

days passing at home
no one could have predicted
how far this would go

-Kate Jang

Disneyland magic
Open the economy
And Mar-a-Logolf

-Nancy K. Carpenter

Don't worry I'm scared
We are living in fear
Let's hope together

-Brittany Diaz

Dreadfully long days
Senior year broken apart
Zoom academy

-Kathleen Grady

Empty desks and chairs
Got me missing my students
School without kids? Sucks.

-D. Cho

Everyone detached
All sorts of chaos around
Why can't this just stop

-Elijah Ayers-Davis

Facebook instagram
Is my motivation gone
I am late for zoom

-Jeanette Garcia

Foraging for food
We're loving off the land now
I mean, not really

-Ken Burak

Frail man waits moonrise
Youth dance in its pink shadow
Risking death they breathe

-M. Rumsfeld

Fuori c'è il
Virus che corre forte;
Tra noi silenzio

-Elena Ardeni

grocery store has
fifty brands of cereal
instead of sixty

-Joseph Tepperman

"Here!" I call to you
"Look outside, it's beautiful."
The empty room echoes.

-Mara Lonner

Human quarantine
Animals reclaim their space
No face masks needed

-Debra Sherbina

I fear for my dad
In all possible risk groups
Anxiety mounts

-Francene Kaplan

I miss school a lot
Quarantine has been boring
Hopefully it will end soon

-Antoinette Boulos

I want to get out
but I know it's for the best
the future unknown

-Laura Rex

I wash my clean hands
Over and over again
Washing away fears

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I worry for you
We've never done this before
I worry for us

-Ellen O'Brien

I'm six feet away
From everyone that I love
I hope this ends soon

-Alyssa Gerstenberg

I'm stuck in my room
Everything is boring me
I just want to sleep

-Alexander Robertson

In uncertainty
We are stuck no way out of
This fear knows no end

-Jackson Ortiz

Invisible wind
delivers life or death sentence.
Child fills bird feeder.

-Shana Barry

It's not a choice
Gambling: death or paycheck
You called me "unskilled"

-Leslie Yick

Life happens again
Wonder how it all turns out
But still the grass grows

-Doug Hurley

Life in quarantine
Waiting for this all to end
To see friends again

-Aubrey Gallagher

Lockdown seriously?
Me? In the house for a month.
Now, I'm a homie.

-C.K / N.C / E.C

Masking while Asian
May terrorize not protect
I can't hide my eyes

-Gordon Nakagawa

Millions of masks shipped,
But no one has seen them here -
Maybe they're on Mars.

-Lenny Belasco

missing smiles and contact
lonely heart cries out for love
standing quiet still

-Mary Blacker

More time to myself
But anxiety is high
I miss normal life

-Victoria Rosenthal

Mournful and morose.
Of later save me a piece.
Now: blue jay visit.

-Peter Vander Lux

No cure. No vaccine.
Gird my home-made 'Rona mask
Namoamidab

-Kathleen Kumagai

No shower today
Will that keep la rona away?
Just my family

-Karen Satzman

Oh, onsite landlord!
Where is thy sting? I am safe;
Eviction ban. Ha!

-Anonymous

One long, two short blasts
declare the ship's intent - port
horn blasts its welcome.

-Cathy Cato

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One weird vivid dream
Hovers in my subconscious
Stays with me all day

-Bernadette Colburn

Over time, all the
Steins changed their minds. First Gertrude,
Albert then Ludwig.

-Sue Spaid

People are frightened
Becoming lonesome at home
Don't listen to news

-Dawson C. MacDonald

Pixels give sore eyes
Sitting on a chair as if
Trapped in our cages

-L.C / K.L / E.I

Quarantine is fun
And it gets very boring
Like to watch squirrels

-Ellie Kemp

Quarantine is weird.
I miss my friends and my family
But I feel relaxed.

-Gabriella Ebrahimi

Quick breaths of shy bliss
Hidden within solitude
Fastened behind masks

-Jes Knox

Quiet in reprieve
I would have thought this heaven
If not for the dread

-Donna Drake

The cases are worse
Deciding who lives and dies
Families are hurting

-Arianna Ducsay
(read by Christian Sbaraglia)

I feel lost in life
I don't want to waste my time
But how to spend it?

-Trevor Klomps
(read by Sheryl Rubin)

This old home remains
while I dream of breaths captured
by blooming lilacs.

-Brian Sonksen

silence around me
seeds grow in the soil - careless
a warm sun shines high

-Laura Collica

Through this passing mess
Masked soldiers shield us from death
They will heal our world.

-J.C / G.S / Y.C / R.K

Toilet paper gone
Wiping our butts with headlines
cleaning passes time

-Jonathan Hetrich

True friendships are now
Weighted in units of eggs
And toilet paper

-Monica Lee

unprecedented
times - you're tuned to npr
now for something news

-Carolyn Shayte

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Corona virus. . .
neighbor's car won't
leave the house

-Alex

self-isolation
brought upon us abruptly
I don't know what's next

-Deema Aljibeh

So in love, drop knees
Six feet distance between us
Kiss the ground, she walks

-Jerri Allyn

like a sound orchard.
I plant myself in slow time.
how long is this now?

-anonymous

Wake up in the QUARANTINE
Way of life has changed
Poor man's crying

-anonymous

Seniors are lonely
Nobody visits them now
None by their bedside

-Ash Ashkum

Hiding in my home
Enjoying every moment
Getting my shit done

-Kali Baker

Covid Dash One Nine
Somebody Call Nine One One
Send the S-O-S

-Grace Barnes

I am bored at home
Hope my family are fine
In this strange setting

-Maria Bartolucci

Captive of my yard

My sheltered lungs inhale
The mockingbird's call

-Maija Beeton

end results, nope!
you flat flat that line Mr
or im gonna blow!

-David Bell

contemplating these
quasi-human forms I seek
promise in my heart

- Catherine Benamou

dandelion tea –
the bitter taste of this spring
behind the window

-Mirela Brăilean

祖父母 (そふぼ)
時を経て (ときをへて)
孤独な祖父母 (こどくなそふぼ)
楽しくない (たのしくない)

-Carter Campos

Social distancing-
Keep away from each other!
(He sleeps on the couch.)

-Jane Cartier

There are people I crave
Imagine them as memories
Why aren't fairies real?

-Marion Chester

Blue sky filled with clouds
Birds unafraid and alone
Fly where I can not

-Peter Choi

I miss hugging mom
She sews masks for caregivers
Praying for them all

-Jaime Davis

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Paycheck to no check
March sadness let's save Wall Street
Butcher's Block tally

-Michael Damora

Google classroom sucks
Working from home while trying
To herd the stubborn teen

-Ann Dentel

じこかくり
コロナウイルスで
手を洗う (てをあらう)

-Neil Dewan

Keep 6 feet distance
Or get buried 6 feet under
your choice Covidiots

-D.L.

If it raids my house
I know we will make it through
If we just hold on

-Autumn Dolan

Angry, afraid, yet
flickers nesting in our tree
remind me—it's spring.

-Diane Englert

Crinkled purple gloves
Discarded on the sidewalk
Who will clean it up?

-Sara Fenton

Most memorable
Senior year with no end. Why?
No graduation

-Lilly Finn

To make an impact
My probe to how are you? "Surviving" has new drift.

-Rachel Finkelstein

Reading news often
Taking long walks out of doors
Missing family

-LA Times (Jessica Gelt)

Lol this thundercat
Taking me somewhere else I
I really needed

-@haiqubot
(bot written by Daniel Howe)

What day is today?
A life measured in Zoom calls.
Thank god for Netflix.

-Elizabeth Hamilton

Fear spreading faster.
So many people dying.
What new world is this?

-Sharon Hawkins

Six feet we are told
Quite a strange sight to behold
Life worth more than gold

-David Holtzman

I sneeze while walking
Passerby startled from thirty
Guilty of allergies.

-Maryam Hosseinzadah

the poet forgets
the story of the more
in bloom, in wilt, we

-Iris Yirei Hu

My walls are shattered
Infection takes my wellness
To ravage myself

-Noah Humphrey

"Peering through the door
Solitude crept in slowly
Loneliness kills me"

-Anna Imperial

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Sweet air, longing is
not enough to describe what
I feel for you now.

-Sarah James

What was freedom like?
A hug, a pat, and kisses
Now so long ago.

-Noël Johnston

Quiet and still
Social distancing my life
People shutting down

-Scott Joines

Sitting in my room
Waiting for it to subside
Desperation builds

-Kaitlyn Kam

Do you smile beneath
Masks that repel and retain
Breath and lonely depth

-Charly Kemp

Stay safe and alive
Million different emotions
Quarantine's lonely

-Mattie Kemp

Solitary walks.
All The passersby are mute -
Yet the birds still sing.

-Eddie Key

Summer has collapsed
And my breakthrough has relapsed
As this April goes

-Yoihen Khuman

there is so much time
now the grind has lost its bite
what is time now for

-Andrew J. Kluth

chaos, scream, cry, stop
people everywhere go
window with a view

-Launa Nacion Kirkey

Changing a Venus
shaver blade— *the last cartridge!*
Time to go feral

-Dana Krugle & Cynthia Manick

Through the vacant streets
An orchestra of COVID
Plays long hollow sounds

-Sarah Little

Kick back and chill
No need for a cooler
All you need is willpower

-William Bruce Lomitola

some ways are not done
forsythia blooms, birds nest
flies die on the sill

-Daniel Mack

Sherbet skies are here
Sad quarantine window views
Joyous season waste

-Kurt Marsteller

Her name is Cora
She is seven years old
She will remember

-Molly Smith Metzler

Going mad right now
Crazier and Crazier
When will it ever end

-Andrew Millbrook

Falling off a cliff
My choice. It created an abyss
Walking off a cliff

-Isabella Millman

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COVID so minute
Power to destroy the world
Must fight plague

-Keiko Miya

Schoolchildren rejoice!
We won't have active shooters
when kids are at home!

-Ingrid Moon

Embrace the stillness
Listening to your soft voice
Through the silent days

- Marissa Moran

Home has become jail
We have no motivation
But, we'll soon be free

-Natalie Murray

febrile dialogue
a slight tickle in the throat
DayQuil overdose

-Seth N.

meeting by chance, we
laugh in our masks at six feet
only our eyes touch

-Denise Paley

部屋で孤独 (へやでこどく)
快適な檻 (かいてきなおり)
私のみ (わたしのみ)

-Minami Roberts

I LOVE BEING HOME
THERE'S PEACE AND BEAUTY 'ROUND
ME
LOVE IS RESTING HERE

-Karen Root

Don't get social yet
The virus you shall not get
observe and protect

-Noah Rostan

Mask discoveries:
You can still detect a smile
Breath fogs your glasses

-Teresa Ruano

einen kaffee lang
in der sonne stehen; licht
ins dunkel bringen

- Annika Carmen Schmidt

Seniors shelter
Worry for distant loved ones
Want them to be safe

-Dian De Sha

Life in a snow globe—
We the falling particles,
The shaker unseen.

-Stuart Shea

Engulfed by humans,
They leave me without a choice,
Now let me rejoice.

-Gaurangana Solanki

Hamburger yummy
I really want a hamburger
I also want french fries

-Teagan Spiak

I love gymnastics
And I miss it and my friends
Riding my bike a lot

-Arden Spiak

Have you sewn your mask
Just before religious task ?
On Easter ? On Imbolc!

-Stephane

Doctors and Nurses
exhaust their powers for us
and mad renegades

-Danah Stimpson

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Some inhale waiting
Others exhale conclusion
Hope holds between breaths

-Trevor Stutzman

stay 6 feet away
love will let you feel a hug
disguised as a wave

-Karen T.

the virus is like
a ravenous death machine
grinding away families

-Alexandria Tanner

いえのなか
なにもしてない
つかれたよ

-Koa Tanaka

tending home with love
as if guests arriving soon -
but just birds and blooms

-Lorraine Tom

One silver lining
For fortunate folks like me:
Zoom, chat, talk, laugh, see.

- Sylvia Tomasch

Staying here at home
I find photos of my boys
Now wonderful dads

-Jeannie Toshima

セミ鳴けば (せみなけば)
好きなスポーツ (すきなスポーツ)
できるかな

-Gregory Seiji Toyoshima

No more zumba class -
so last night I shut my door
cha-cha'ed my heart out

-Amy Uyematsu

Red poppy blooming
Background is an empty road
No one can see you

-Nancy Uyemura

せきしたら
コロナウィルス
飛び散るね (とびちるね)

- Sachi Valiente

Stand six feet apart
or lay six feet underground
Just breathe in and out.

-Lauren Villafane

The birds, do they know
the panicked state we're all in
The surface is clean.

-Grace Wall

The spring blooms soon died
since she couldn't water them
from the hospital.

-Maggie Wang

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-Daniel Mack Warwick

New reality
Feeling like my heart will break
I miss holding you

-Amy Weitman

Essential workers
Our expendable heroes
Till magic ends this

-Kim White

Where are you, Covid-19?
What do you feel about us human?
Take a break and relax!

-Margaret Wu