

A Lesson of Pandemic Proportions

As a pandemic engulfs
A world shudders to an eerie halt
Days become months
As some look to cast fault

Many years forewarned
We should have prepared
But time was fleeting, life consuming
Many could have been spared

A drastic change to living
Young and old not immune
Trauma on a global scale
The silent scars will not fade soon

Many struggle to adapt
Desperation and hardship consumes
Anxieties peak
Loneliness prevails, and fear looms

For some a drastic change
Home without a reprieve
To parent and love within confines
No one able to leave

Some have lost everything
Others have much to gain
So many imbalances
Amidst the strain

A crisis that's shone light
On essential controls
Those that keep society churning
Critical, and respected work roles

Immense suffering for some
Others find ways to reconnect
A crisis makes life's inequities
Even more dire in effect

Some understand the science
Others riot in the streets
A divide amongst the people
History sadly repeats

But all is not lost
A sense of peace and understanding takes hold
For many, protection of life takes priority
Love for one another, and kindness unfold

An appreciation for those
Who work tirelessly to protect
Those that fight to save lives
We have much to be thankful for, much to reflect

The world begins to heal
Barren streets, animals roam
The sky is clear, waters run free
A replenishment of our home

Life provided to us a pause
To learn from a past mistake
To reconnect, and love one another
To value nature, for everyone's sake

To make a choice, to not forget
To find balance like long before
To spend our time more wisely
To live, and value life much more.

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