

TOPIC – Life after 2020

Has anything changed ?

Has anything changed for me in 2020

Let's start from the beginning

Maybe then I can sure say

That everything seems stiller than ever outside

But still the outside seems to be changing every second, every day

As a person,

My world has reduced to my home

Where I still sleep and eat

Just that now those are the only things I feel I do

Oh! I realized the second line of this para missed the word 'REPEAT'

As a family,

*The number of times we sanitize beats even the number
of times we empathize, the number of breaths we take*

We still travel together around the world

From one room to the next is the tour we make

As a class,

We still have a connection growing stronger

Let me assure you its both the internet and the heart

We still learn but textbooks don't open

What flips open are the million laptops miles apart

*As a neighborhood,
Everybody still dresses up before they 'try' to step out
Just that now masks replace makeup on the dressing table
Everybody still stops to greet but from two feet
As the trend starts to favor good-looking masks over good-looking people*

*As a society,
We still use the same vocabulary
Just that the word 'quarantine' rules the dictionary
Turning the table by making
'positive' the new word for negative fury*

*Finally, as a country,
We still hear a lot of sound and see lot of light
Not from loudspeakers, thronging streets or a bustling factory
but from clanking plates, clapping hands, and lit lamps
that salute the warriors fighting for harmony*

*Now has anything changed for me in 2020
Not only for me but for us all
As we fight this calamity
Together standing tall, not ready to give up, not ready to fall*

- ANAIDA