

So Blessed

As the virus continues its dastardly act
At home we complain about this and that
We watch the news and discuss it expertly
With limited knowledge, we pontificate overtly
Working from home is teaching us a lot
To acquiring new skills we're giving some thought

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Our minds are being challenged like never before
Since of the future, we're completely unsure
In our homes there's much work to do
The chores are many, the hands are few
But we have places that we can call home
Within permanent walls, we can freely roam

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We have books to read and music to play
TV programmes and conversations to pass our day
Adequate food for our bellies to groan
Enough time to learn and surf the unknown
We can exercise and play, and even pray
Create new activities to fill each day

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Calls can be made to connect with friends
There's much to do before the day ends
Things will go wrong, as they often do
How you respond to a crisis is up to you
With children to entertain and elders to care for
Our own equilibrium, let's learn to restore

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Now think of those who live alone
Fending for themselves, far away from home
And what of those who don't have a roof
The ones towards whom we're often aloof
No money to buy the basics they need
The ones whose cries we often don't heed

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No food to eat despite hunger pangs
Their lives in fate's balance, hangs
With barely a shirt on their back
Worldly possessions all in a sack
Walking endlessly their homes to reach
No time to heed any politician's speech

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The worry for all is about what is to come
Future uncertainty's more agonizing for some
With the world rallying around to find a cure
Life has irrevocably changed, that's for sure
For once, omnipresent global terrorist threats
Retreat, as this pandemic demands worldwide resets

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So many have come forward, offering their assistance
Toiling for hours with patience and persistence
Extending themselves beyond the call of duty
Responding to each situation ever so selflessly
Personnel whose importance we often dismiss
As we stay cocooned in our own secluded bliss

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We bond together to quell our despair
Of nature's beauty, we are much more aware
Together let's lend a helping hand
What others need, compassionately understand
Keep our optimism at levels so high
And with renewed visions, pledge to comply

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While many have lost those near and dear
We cannot live with this constant fear
For life will take us through paths and bends
Before all this unforeseen mayhem ends
And as we rise from being entrapped
We all will have learned to change and adapt

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