

COVID-19 Reflections in Two Parts

Nature's Reset

Many looking to place the blame
Who unleashed this monster?
Spreading sickness and death across the globe
I think not China, Italy, or Spain

Could it be nature hitting the reset?
Needing a break
Seeing the damage that humans have wrought
Wanting to clean up the natural debt

As Spring unfolds
bears emerge
while humans stay in
global hibernation takes hold

Bears roam city streets
Moose fall into backyard pools
Long unseen birds return
As people retreat

Trees bud and shoots break ground
as people get sick
and many are dying
buried without mourners to make a sound

Dolphins returning to canals in Venice
Carless streets and skies clear of smog
Is it a side effect or something bigger
Perhaps Mother Nature is pissed

I imagine her hands on hips
shaking her head in disappointment
a planet besieged
upset the balance and everything tips

So here's an opportunity for all
reconnect not just with people
but the planet we call home
It's a wake up call

Let the trees not fret
and vines crawl freely
animals grow bold as humans stay in
Nature's reset

COVID Communication

Talking to neighbors
from six feet away
it's social distancing
and the world today

don gloves and masks
don't cough in public
hands away from your face
impossible tasks

nervous grocery shopping is an art
choose with your eyes
if you touch it; you buy it
so put it in your cart

side glances in the aisles
am i standing too close?
where is my hand sanitizer?
a stranger smiles

arm gestures speak
you go ahead
eyebrow raise
how was your week?

connecting despite or because
reaching out without touching
Will that continue?
What if it does?

A new way of living
close but apart
the illusion of safety
but fear in your heart