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Life During A Pandemic

A global contagion has brought upon us many sorrows
Which are overcome by efforts of our healthcare heroes
Social distancing, PPE, ventilator, masks - we smartly holler
This raging virus cannot rob our doctors of their valor

When our colleges closed, classes went online
Our students travelled home in a beeline
Vermillion is now an empty campus town
Because of the new norm, we are hunkered down

Zoom classes and endless meetings amid April blizzards
Zoom bombings, online exams, and moral hazards
This new way of working has both pros and cons
It is hard to give up habits developed over eons

Robust exercises we now do with near and dear
And the sweat that we generate will steer
Us to better health and joyful cheer
Ahh meditation, Netflix, pizza, and beer!

First responders, farmers, truckers, researchers, and nurses
Technicians and EMT workers help vanquish pandemic curses
Physicians, grocers, cops, and all other frontline warriors
Deserve our gratitude, praise, and protection sans barriers

Amid quarantine, virus, vaccine, and antibody tests galore
What we need is a plan, a cure, a vaccine, and plenty more
We shall overcome this gruesome Black Swan beast
If we stand together to follow data and science at least

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