

Quarantine

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This time of quarantine has been what my family needed,
Space to be, to live, to play, as the stay-home order we've headed.

We have seen growth in many areas and relationships
And have been able to have several aspects of our house fixed.
Physically we have been strengthened as exercise time has increased;
Mental exertion looks different as going to work has ceased.

Instead of rushing from one place to another,
Our days stretch pleasantly without so much ground to cover.

We have been blessed still to have work;
Teaching students brings joy—a definite perk.
I have read many books that were gathering dust;
Puzzles and writing have also become musts.
Extended family gatherings rarely happen now,
Yet technology opens doors, for virtual visits are allowed.

While Easter was different in quarantine,
We have been able to join people we have not seen
For a while through virtual church,
Made easy with a quick Internet search.

I know many people are suffering,
Struggling with job loss, money troubles, and other things.

My heart breaks, knowing recovery will be slow;
We are facing a battle about which no one knows.
Nonetheless, I have seen resiliency time and again;

Humans find a way to rally and to spin
Optimism from darkness and peace from the storm.

Yes, we need hope as we find a new norm.

Yet, let's think carefully before restarting once more,

Thinking, reflecting, finding values at our core.

How do we want the world to look

When Quarantine 2020 becomes part of the history book?