COMMENTARY

COVID 19 – To Strive Against the Strike

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An impact so sudden
Physical touch now forbidden
Handshakes are a virtue forsaken
All for the chain of transmission to be broken
With an unprecedented infectious disease the world is stricken…

To remain uninfected
To avoid many more afflicted
Travels are banned and movements restricted
Startling levels of infectivity, unanticipated clusters presented
Countries worldwide fighting a disease that's tough to be defeated…

Being grateful to each frontliner
In this distressing battle of international disaster
Protective equipment remains crucial for each fighter
Soldiering on to strive against the shattering virus together
Vital is the effort of community leader, researcher and policy maker…

Let's not allow hopes to be shaken
For the schools, shops and streets to be open
The epidemiological curve is what we need to flatten
Ensuring social distancing and health regularities not to loosen
Hand hygiene, facemask, quarantine – everything for the disease to dampen…

Not to surrender
With hopes for this to soon be over
An illness from which thousands failed to recover
And the disruption that has caused a global crisis of hunger
The dreadful memories of this pandemic in our hearts will remain forever!

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