



One World Poetry Competition

A Better World

Three poems from students reflecting on how experiences during lockdown might be used to create a better future.

A virus was spreading and the panic set in,
Little did we know we would grow closer with kin.
Watching movies together and crafting face masks,
Becoming better together and hoping it lasts.

Daily walks brought a refreshing new sense of our surroundings,
And not just care about when our mobile phone next rings.
We kept in touch with friends close and far,
And walked to places without needing a car.

Exploring parts of the Island we'd never seen before,
And, as a community, we opened a new door.
Bringing food to neighbours and keeping each other safe.
And together we isolated each new Corona case

We clapped and made noise for the NHS,
As all of their staff were put to the test.
They tested so many people (including my dad),
Working for hours and hours, and never being sad.

We kept each other safe by staying 2 metres away,
So we could enjoy the freedom we now have today.
Being free to roam around our Island and hug our closest friends.
We worked hard to get rid of this virus and bring lockdown to an end.

We watched our community as they came together,
Maybe this is the chance for us to become better forever.

Siena

Locked inside
For the sake of our lives
Not knowing the date
Sick of everyday being a repeat
Will this be our inevitable fate?

I cleaned up my house
I learnt to bake
7am is when I would wake!

And people got kinder
We all came together
Rainbows in our windows
A weekly round of applause
From outside our front doors.

Emissions were lower
The air became cleaner
We walked and cycled
Our earth got greener.

Maybe lockdown wasn't so bad
Maybe we could learn a thing or two
From our attitude when the planet went mad
The way we acted
The kindness we showed
Maybe we should put our brains back into lockdown mode?

Ffion

Can you hear the silence?
The whispers of the breeze,
The chirping of the birds flying wild and free.
The awakenings of lockdown all over the news,
And a whole new 'normal' calling out to our world.
Every breath is fresher among the great big trees
And the lush, tall green grass.

Can you see the people taking a stand?
Neighbours helping each other, offering what they can.
And kids - not on gadgets - but out enjoying the sunshine
Because it's not a school day today or tomorrow.
With old skills remembered and some skills reborn,
We learnt new things we didn't know before.

Can you smell the fresh air, as you fill your lungs with goodness?
The smell of food from the barbecue out back.
The smell of nature filling the empty streets,
All the smells from the gardens with new plants and herbs finally ripe to eat.
The old smell of car fumes had disappeared and there was no traffic noise.

Can you feel the fresh blooming flowers as they brush past your hand?
The uncontaminated pure water trickles down your throat
As you start to sweat from the sun's burning rays.
Can you feel your spirits lift with the bright sunny days
Sharing new experiences with your family and friends?

Although some are struggling and some have found it difficult,
None of us are alone, we want to join together and build a better world.

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