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2019-2020

This pandemic has the whole world in trepidation,

Suddenly, there is halt in the progress of every operation.

With the political commotion and

Lacuna in quotidian pattern,

Unwillingly, I find myself thrown into isolation.

"On quarantine" becomes the new fashion,

And being an optimist, I turned my home into a spot of vacation.

Counted my days of hibernation,

I planned a list of little expeditions.

Without dawdling, I reignited with my passion,

Lost sight of world, engulfed in my inner emotions.

A bundle of white leafs and a pen,

Inked out each of my dotty impulsion.

Finding the riven paints in my almirah's hidden section,

Steadily, I unleashed the artist that was within.

Shuffled Shakespeare, Eliot, and Byron,

Finding idols in Bronte, Austen, and Dickinson.

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Played my favourite list of songs with repeat on,

I turned my room into a disco station.

Danced and danced till I ran out of oxygen,

After so long, I finally inhaled the breath of liberation.

To be in the pink was the mission,

So I shook hands with cardio and nutrition.

Took these unexpected holidays as boon

I decided to profligate my bond with blood relations.

Chapati on tawa, cake in the oven,

Mom and I become the in-charge of the kitchen.

Jokes, Laughter, and communion,

Dad and I become the stars of our family union.

Chess, ludo, cards, and badminton,

My brother and I become the players of heads-on competition.

To see grandma laughing on our silly confrontations,

My heart burst out in gratification.

Choose to celebrate everyday like an occasion,

I realized my home is my heaven.

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