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Homage in the Time of Coronavirus
(Weeks 3-4, March 31-April 13)

“We are at war with an invisible enemy...
The American people are our back-up troops.”
---New York City Physician

Never-ending news, CNN on steroids.
New York numbers rising.
The pandemic has infiltrated.
Hospitals jammed, ICU overload.
Ventilators scarce, not enough PPE.
Doctors, nurses dedicated,
yet terrified.

Dr. Fauci instructs.
Trump contradicts.
Captain Crozier warns.
The Queen encourages.
Boris Johnson recovers.
John Prine dies.

We are recruited to fight.
Maintain our six foot distance.
Stay at home.
The couch now our foxhole.
A mask our shield.
Weeks added to shelter-in-place.
The back up troops must keep up.
A small sacrifice for the front lines.
Fight the hidden monster.

An eerie Easter.
Deserted beaches,
Empty pews.
Seek God online.
Offer up prayer.
Donate money, supplies, pizza.
Sew masks like crazy.
Howl at 8 p.m.
Stay safe; stay home; save lives.
Flatten the curve.

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