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**COVID CHRONICLES SUBMISSION:**

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**CORONA HAIKU CHRONICLES**

Cherry blossoms float  
Like us wafting down the streets  
Alone and unseen.

Just a hoax he lies  
Political hype he cries  
This minister dies.

Wild beasts embrace space  
That we reluctantly leave  
Reclaiming their world.

Blue sky comforts me  
Still alive while others lie  
In piles like firewood.

Each day is savored  
Warming sunshine, scudding clouds  
Tickling ocean breezes.

Jigsaw puzzle sales  
Soar as we shelter in place  
Who will tell the tales?

Flowers bloom, birds trill  
Through windows we watch hawks soar  
Nature triumphant.

Absence is presence  
Arms groping with longing  
Missing grand babies.

Waves crash unbidden  
Spring flowers bloom unbidden  
Sadly forbidden.

Zoom facetime phone calls  
Staying connected but still  
Screens can't hug I moan.

Empty swings, no voices  
Slides like lonely sentinels  
Be safe—but sorry.

We're fine, safe and sound,  
But can't live on bread alone  
Howling skin hunger.

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