

The Time of Strangeness: A Haiku Pandemic Inspired to Keep Someone Sane

When the world shut down and we were all forced to stay home, I found myself turning to haiku to make sense of the strange and uncertain time. Haiku is a form of Japanese poetry that is typically written in three lines, with five syllables in the first line, seven syllables in the second line, and five syllables in the third line. The haiku form is often used to capture a moment in time or to express a feeling or emotion.

I found that haiku was the perfect way to process my experiences and emotions during the pandemic. The short, simple form of the haiku allowed me to capture the essence of a moment without getting bogged down in details. And the focus on the present moment helped me to stay grounded in the midst of all the chaos and uncertainty.



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I wrote haiku about everything from the mundane tasks of everyday life to the more profound experiences of loss, grief, and hope. I wrote about the

loneliness and isolation of being stuck at home, the fear and anxiety of the unknown, and the small moments of joy and beauty that I found even in the darkest of times.

I hope that these haiku can offer comfort and solidarity to others who are struggling. They are a reminder that we are not alone in our experiences, and that even in the strangest of times, there is always hope.

Haiku

- Quarantine days long,
- The world outside fades slowly,
- My mind adrift.
- Face masks hide faces,
- A stranger's eyes, a mystery,
- Humanity veiled.
- Hand sanitizer,
- A constant companion now,
- Germs at bay.
- Zoom calls replace touch,
- A digital connection,
- Yet something's missing.
- Empty streets echo,
- A ghost town, once so vibrant,

- Pandemic's silence.
- News reports, constant,
- A barrage of fear and panic,
- My mind seeks peace.
- Loved ones far away,
- Distance creates a longing,
- Virtual hugs.
- Essential workers,
- Tirelessly they labor,
- Our unsung heroes.
- Hope shines through the dark,
- Like a beacon in the night,
- We will endure.
- After the storm calms,
- A new world will emerge,
- We will be changed.



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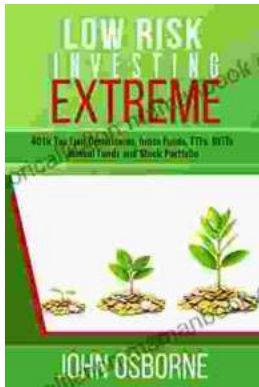
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