

*The following poem was written at a time when Covid-19 struck humanity. I was one of them whose work place shut its doors due to the pandemic. Amongst all the suffering, there were many a positive aspect too. The words in my poem endeavors to depict the same.*

### **Reminiscing at home**

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Sitting and reminiscing,

Watching life go by.

Ever flowing ever changing,

And frequent goodbyes.

Tomorrow seems far away,

And today feels a stretch.

I see yesterday out from my window,

As the mirror stares at myself.

So much to travel,

so much to gather.

so much to achieve,

and so much to unravel.

Reality now has left me to wonder,

How the world used to be?

How thankful I will be,

If someone just sets me free.

The 'me' who was moving about with ease,

thinking tomorrow will forever be.

Has today found its grounding,

And it is gratitude that is filling me.

Thankful for the situations leading me to think deep,

A world so kind which I had never seen.

The sounds which were all noise to me,

In this stillness reminds me of a tune so sweet.

This solitude helps me find what I loved and had forgotten,

This peace has helped me go deeper and find myself within.

As we go back into the world again one day,  
We will be seeing it with different eyes.  
We would all know the reasons,  
And smile without asking why.

Reasons to cherish life as it is,  
And seasons to smile for the connections we have found within.

In these times when I am looking within,  
I reflect on the people who are with me.  
In helping me reconnect with myself,  
And join the dots within me.

In all these laughs and joyful time that we spent,  
We are mindful of what is happening outside.  
But has not it made us more aware of the present,  
Valuing our time in life and being thankful inside.

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