

The power of youth



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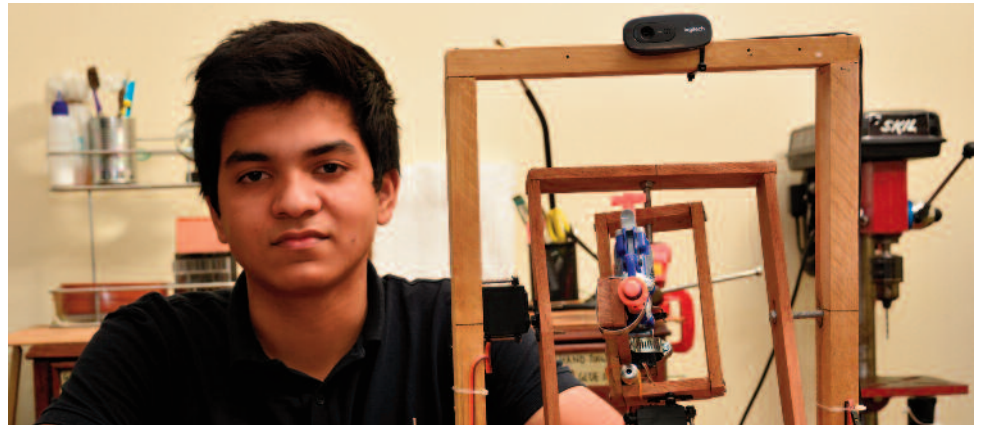
I am delighted to see that my Amityans have exquisitely used their time during lockdown and quarantine to create 'Quarantine Special' editions. This e-edition is truly a storehouse

of innovation, creation, compassion and care in the hearts of our young Amityans. With their ideas and fervour to bring forth positive happenings around us, they have kept all of us pragmatic and hopeful, keeping all the stress and tensions at bay.

Once again my young 'Corona Warriors With Pen & Passion' has truly shown what it means to be a journalist. It's a matter of great pride that the 'Corona Warrior' stories have been featured in World Teenage Reporter Project, which has stories of teenage reporters from other student-led or student-run newspapers from 21 countries like Vietnam, USA, London, Germany, South Africa, Tokyo, on what their peers are doing to help during the COVID-19 pandemic. With this initiative of reporting inspirational stories of teenagers, by the teenagers across the globe, we shall create a unique journalistic primer which will shape the future of the world post-COVID-19. It will create a world that is more caring and sensitive towards the environment, a world full of love and compassion, a world full of respect for cultural diversities, a world happier and more positive. **GT**

Heal the world...

...One Mask And One Step At A Time



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In a pandemic where hope and humanity seem lost, Mihir Vardhan, a recent graduate from The Shri Ram School Aravali, Gurugram, (India) comes across as a ray of hope. Making 3D printed face shields and hand-stitched face masks in his room, Mihir aims to help hundreds of those in need. Let's trace his journey of embodying the youth's power this world needs.

Finding purpose for passion

Noticing his neighbourhood workers being exposed to solvents, which are a potential carrier of germs and viruses, he realised something had to be done. Looking for a possible solution, he turned to technology. "Ever since I was a kid, I have been interested in 3D printing, robotics, hackathons etc. My passion for technology has led me to believe that it has a solution to nearly everything, including coronavirus. A little technological probe and understanding of the given scenario,

and I realised that face shields and masks was the way forward," shares Mihir.

Beginning of change

Thus, the winds of change started blowing from Mihir's very own home. "While I took to making 3D masks, my grandmother stitched cloth face masks for the needy. My parents helped me deliver these masks to various hospitals across Gurugram, where they could be used by healthcare workers," he shares. To extend the outreach of his initiatives, he has also collaborated with big hospital chains like Max and Fortis, several NGOs and companies



CORONA WARRIORS

Pandemics know no boundaries, and neither do warriors who battle them. This special series, running across Quarantine editions of all Amity schools, is an ode to those fighters. Highlighting stories of young change makers from within and outside Amity, this special series has been curated by young reporters across various Amity branches.

who aided him in producing the protective equipment and making sure they reach the ones in need. At present, Mihir is operating on a 'Pay what you can' policy, to ensure that he reaches more number of people.

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Heal the world...

Overcoming the odds

While making a difference is the need of the hour, it is a task that comes with its own set of challenges. And in Mihir's case there were plenty - making around 500 masks a week by working around 23 hours a day, constraints in transporting the masks to places far away from his abode, surging demand in the need for masks, paucity of time and the requirements of modifying the printer. Once again, he sought the aid of technology to tide over these hurdles. "I used my YouTube channel to spread awareness amongst people, to tell them that they, too, can help!" he comments. Other than reaching out for potential volunteers, he also sought out various companies and organisations through social media for his initiative.



Call of compassion

Mihir fears that the pandemic today has become a bigger calamity than we ever could have envisioned, which is why every member of the society needs to do their part, because every effort counts. "Whether it is handing out masks to the underprivileged or using the power of social media to spread a message, there is something that each one of us can do. And a united effort is exactly what we need if we wish to emerge victorious against this pandemic," he says, signing off. Well, we couldn't agree more! 

**WORLD TEENAGE
REPORTING PROJECT**

COVID-19>HOW TEENS ARE HELPING



The World Teenage Reporting Project, COVID 19 is a global collaboration of teenage reporters in newsrooms around the world who produce stories about what their peers are doing to help during the Coronavirus pandemic.



Here's to HUMANITY!

Uplifting Stories That Instill Hope

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While more and more people are infected all over the world and the death toll accounts for an insurmountable rise every day due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the world is just finally beginning to understand the disastrous implications of a worldwide pandemic. In the wake of this, it's natural to feel overwhelmed with the constant inflow of news and burdened by sadness and anxiety, but to serve as a reminder that there are still good things left in the world, here are three uplifting stories that are bound to remind you of the magic of hope.

A song for the medics!

Amidst a nationwide lockdown in one of the worst-affected countries, Italians all over the country sang together from their balconies and thanked the various doctors and medical professionals currently putting their lives at risk to treat the numerous patients. Italy's "triumph of spirit" has further inspired people in other countries like Lebanon and Spain to gather in their balconies and reach out to one another. Here's to the magic of hope!


Free kits for all!

As people fight over toilet paper and stocks run out in markets, it's becoming increasingly

difficult for those in need to avail affordable healthcare amenities. Asiyah and Jawad, owners of a corner shop in Scotland, have been putting together relief kits, containing sanitizers and face masks, and delivering them all around their village for free. Their main focus is the elderly and the sick, who are most likely to be adversely affected if infected. Here's to the reminders that we are all in this together!

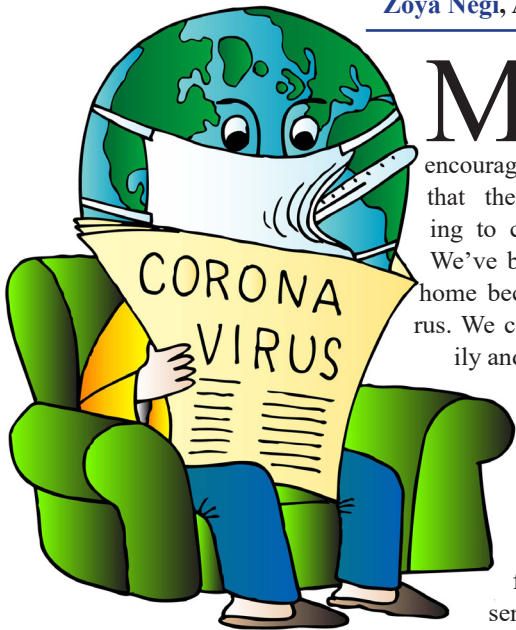
Pizza time!

With the rest of us in quarantine, it is important to express our gratitude towards the several people toiling day and night to help us stay informed and be prepared in the face of a virus outbreak. Washington-based daily, Seattle Times, was in for a huge surprise when a subscriber wrote in to send pizzas to the entire weekend staff to thank them for the selfless work they have been doing. Here's to a little kindness and a lot of gratitude!

While the quarantine provides enough space for anxiety and hopelessness to breed, such positive stories restores our faith in humanity and makes us fall in love with the world even more so. As we're constantly reminded of the importance of social distancing, maybe it's time for us to really explore what it really means — physically apart but being emotionally there for each other and extend a helping hand to those in need. 

A Voice That Became Powerful With Corona Coming In

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My encounter with this dreadful pandemic has encouraged me to believe that the universe is trying to convey a message. We've been quarantined at home because of Coronavirus. We can't meet our family and friends. We watch the news on television to get the latest updates on COVID-19. But, have you wondered in these past few days, why God sent such a terrible virus on our way? Is

Universe's MESSAGE

God trying to convey a message? Well I think God is indeed trying to pass on a message to us. He wants to remind us that we are all connected. It is shocking to see how one person had the virus so far away and now the whole world is suffering from it. It is spreading like fire! Almost everyone is affected by it and it's because of the human chain. No matter what caste, creed, religion race gender or continent, we are all connected. The universe needs help and us human

need awakening and that will only happen if we stand together. The fact that a virus is bringing together humanity is shameful. This pandemic is lethal, yet surprisingly some of its outcomes are promising. God is trying to convey to us that nature needs time to heal and what better way to do that than to keep humans away? During social distancing, God wants us to disconnect from our busy lives in order to reconnect better to the people around us; our loved ones. Let us heed the universe's message. Let us help nature heal in her own way. Let us stay inside our homes and stay safe, for we may not be near other people, but we will always stay connected. [G.U](#)

The Corona crusaders

How The Battle Is Being Fought Against Deadly Virus

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The shutdown of schools, colleges, offices etc along with quarantines, lockdowns and social distancing, the COVID 19 pandemic has succeeded in bringing people's lives to a screeching halt. But, there still hope that we will regain our normal lives and busy schedules in no time. Here are some reasons why:

The frontline heroes

Who is braver than the doctors, nurses, and healthcare workers, combatting the virus face-to-face? In the middle of the battlefield, they've left their safety behind to care for ours. With long and tiring shifts, faces cut from masks and goggles—some even without this armour of safety equipment—they are working round the clock to protect the health of billions around the world. Donning coats, stethoscopes and clipboards, they are our bona fide superheroes.

The shields and strategists

We must not forget the policemen, sanitation workers and delivery service employees whose precise action and courage

is ensuring the security and sustenance of millions. Commanding the battle stations are organisations such as World Health Organisation, International Committee of the Red Cross and health ministries who are keeping a continuous track of the statistics. Issuing cautionary calls and updating data, they keep the public well informed. Alongside them, public and private organisations are also helping to maintain provisions and transportation of medical supplies.

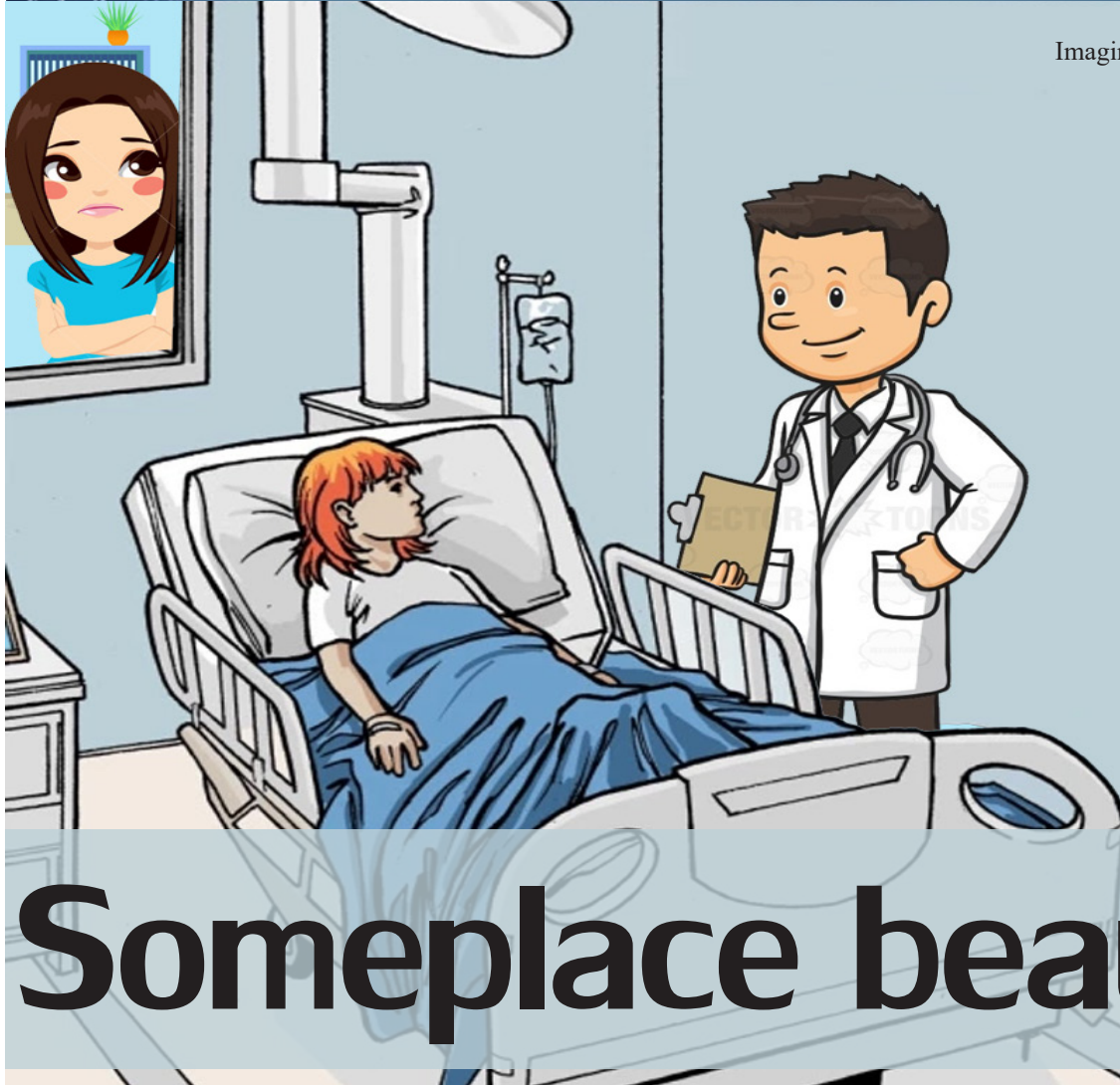
The vigilant people

A crucial aspect of this whole pandemic is social distancing and people are living up to the challenge. Staying indoors, maintaining distance from other people, practising good personal hygiene and all in all, having a positive outlook is imperative during a viral pandemic such as this. People like you and I; we have the power to determine the outcome of this outbreak. So, here's a shout of appreciation to the warriors outside, in the battlefield, and the fighters inside, struggling to get used to the confinements of their homes. The good fight is on and we are relentless.



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Someplace beautiful

Defeating The Pandemic With The Vaccine Of Love And Strength

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As Anita was done wearing the hazmat suit, she hurried up on her way into the hospital. "Good morning, Mrs. Gupta," she was greeted by her doctor. Being in a frenzy, she simply nodded back and rushed up the stairs. Anita pushed through the doors. And at last, there was the little girl, barely seven years old, her little girl. She waved to her mother through the glass screen, while Anita tried to hold back her tears. She quickly pulled up a chair and picked up the phone. "Hi, mommy!" her daughter spoke feebly from the other side of the glass screen. "Guess what? Nurse Anna told me... that I am going somewhere beautiful in a few days..." she paused, "but where is it mom? ... And why do I need to go there? I don't want to leave you or dad... Why can't I just go home?" Lakshmi coughed a lot as she spoke. Anita was finding it hard to control her tears but still gathered up all the strength that she had and said, "Lakshmi beta..." sniffing, "daddy and I will be there. I promise." Lakshmi smiled radiantly. Anita had to stifle

her sobs as she realized that this radiant smile would never be there to light up their home again. For, little did Lakshmi know that she had contracted the lethal coronavirus. Her condition was so severe that doctors had almost given up all hopes. But this was Lakshmi that we are talking about. She would be smiling even when her heart stops beating. Such was her persona and mien. "Mommy?" Lakshmi's frail voice jerked Anita out of her thoughts. "Where am I going...? Do you know?" "You're going somewhere- someplace beautiful, sweetie." Anita said between sobs. "Don't worry." Lakshmi's innocent voice and weak frame was too much for Anita to bear that she finally broke down. She just couldn't take it anymore. Kissing the glass screen to give her little daughter a little peck on her cheeks, she picked up her purse and walked

out of the room, crying and unconsolable. Tears flowed down her eyes like a river. The thought of not getting to hug or give her daughter a goodbye kiss was killing her. As she mustered up a little strength, she went back into the room to be there with her daughter. There, she sat the

entire day, praying to God, wearing all the protective equipments and gears.

And as if God heard her and didn't want the duo to part ways, Lakshmi survived.

Yes, our little Lakshmi overcame the deadly pandemic and came back home in a few days. Was it her mother's strength and love, the power of prayer or Lakshmi's will to live,

we don't know. But something happened in that touch

and go moment, something that

is beyond human mind to comprehend.

But all Lakshmi cared about was that she finally got to visit that beautiful place - her home, only this time, it was forever. 🇮🇳

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They saw it coming

And Now The Deadly Killer, Coronavirus Is Here, Spreading Out Fast

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The novel coronavirus pandemic has gripped the world with a deadly disease spreading like wildfire. While the viral death toll is on a tremendous rise across the globe, so are stupefying theories about uncanny predictions from different corners of the world. Looks like coronavirus was not so unprecedented, after all.

A book from 1981

The Eyes of Darkness, a novel written by Dean Koontz and published in 1981, allegedly predicted the outburst of coronavirus. A passage in the book alludes to the creation and spread of a deadly virus known as Wuhan-400, which is named after the place where it originated. Users across social media were taken by storm over the strange similarity and many even say that the author who closely predicted the outbreak was the one person who foresaw the occurrence of COVID-19.

The war of Armageddon

Jeane Dixon was an American psychic who reportedly foretold the 1963 assassination of John F. Kennedy. In addition, Dixon also predicted that the world would end in 2020 when a 'war of Armageddon' would wipe out the planet. Netizens are of the opinion that the Armageddon that she was referring to was indeed the coronavirus epidemic.

Simpsons knew it

When the popular sitcom, The Simpsons, predicted in one its episodes that Donald Trump would become the US president, we brushed it off as mere coincidence. However, a 1993 episode of the same, called 'Marge in Chains' had everyone splits after the outbreak of corona virus.

The episode dealt with the outbreak of a mysterious virus that originated in the Far East. The episode focuses on an illness called 'Osaka flu' that spreads through Springfield after residents order juicers from Japan. If not entirely true, we can say that was close.



An age old prophecy

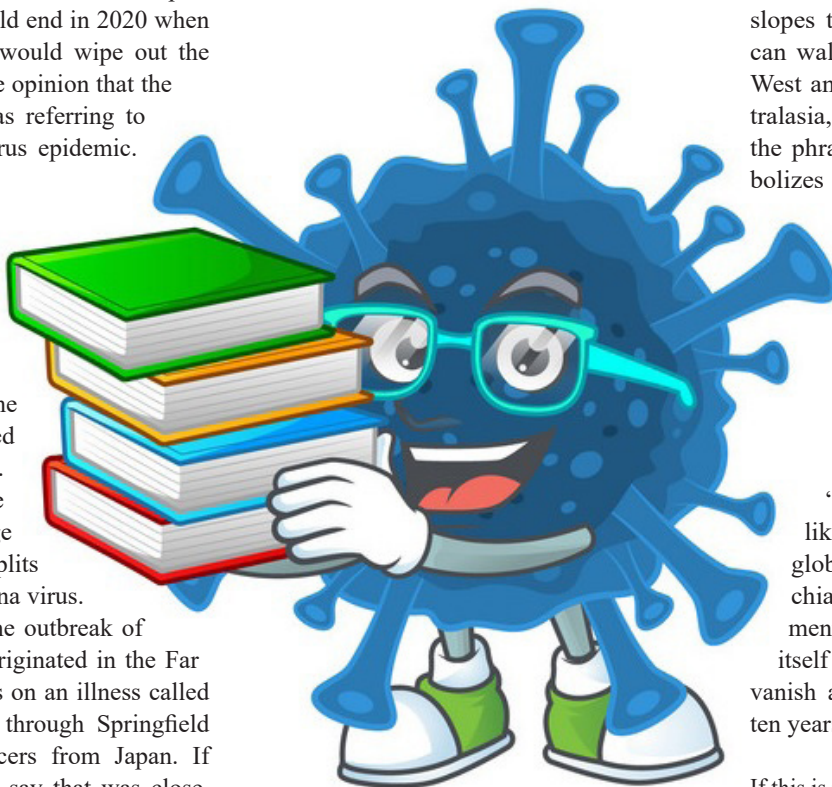
Nostradamus, the 16th-century French astrologer, physician and reputed seer, is famous for his dynamic and mind-boggling predictions. In one of his predictions, Nostradamus stated,

"The sloping park, great calamity, Through the Lands of the West and Lombardy The fire in the ship, plague and captivity; Mercury in Sagittarius, Saturn fading." Here, the sloping park is said to be the Hankou Jiangtan Park in Wuhan which has slopes to the river waterfront where people can walk into the water. The "Lands of the West and Lombardy" refers to Europe, Australasia, America and Lombardy (Italy). In the phrase, "fire in the ship", the ship symbolizes wealth, trade and commerce and red is considered as the color of fire. Plague refers to coronavirus and captivity means lockdown.

This is the end

In her book titled End of Days, author Sylvia Brown has eerily described a pandemic that would attack the world in the year 2020. The excerpt goes, "In around 2020, a severe pneumonia-like illness will spread throughout the globe, attacking the lungs and the bronchial tubes and resisting all known treatments. Almost more baffling than the illness itself will be the fact that it will suddenly vanish as quickly as it arrived, attack again ten years later and then disappear completely."

If this is not enigmatic, we don't know what is. 🇮🇳



Earth War

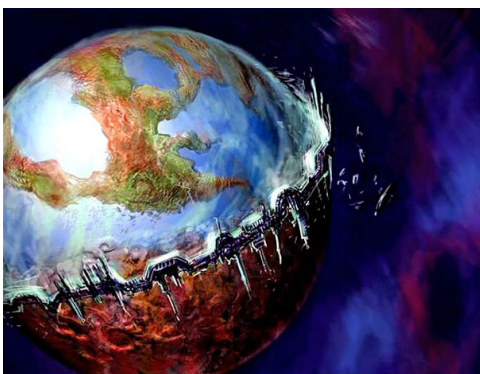
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The trees rustle in the cold wind
The leaves flutter when birds chirp
The horizon is beautifully painted
The clouds look like ridges formed
The sun blessing with its rays
This was the story back then

The sinful acts committed by us
Let the glory seep through
The dirt that gives birth to us
Is what covers us when we die
Do we recognise this?
This was the story back then

Water, receiver and container of life
Rises and fall, on this planet
We call earth, and mother earth
And we have immensely tortured her
Made her pass through stages of hell
This is the present story now

The past, the future all combined
Screaming at us with its force



It's time to get up and make
What was then a beautiful landscape
With sun-kissed frontiers into reality

Stop with all the plastic-backed lies
Give her, the better she deserves
Stop with all the factory turned cigarettes
Give her the clean sky she deserves
Stop with pouring your toxic water into her
Give her the purity she deserves

With the deadly pandemic around
Stop believing in the hollow truth
That everything around you is the same
And beautiful like it was before
For, it's now time to pause and think
And re-write the story which was back then.

World of illusion

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It was just an illusion
We could save the earth
By controlling the pollution
But, now we discern
Nature can heal itself faster

It was just a hallucination
We will not be able to survive
Without eating junk food
Now, that fast food joints are shut
We are still moving on

It was just a mirage
That we would not be able
To work all alone from home
And that celebrities were heroes
We realise they were just entertainers

We used to be happy
When we saw animals behind bars
But now that we are stuck
Inside the four walls of a home
We understand how they feel

It was just a phantom
If all the malls get closed
The world will come to a halt
Nobody will get to see life
But, the earth is still moving on

This lockdown has put a stop
On our materialistic lives
It has once again given us time
To reflect on our real lives
And realise, it was all just an illusion.

Go away, Corona!

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Corona, you came into our life
Like a destructive swinging vine
Took our heart across the line
But victory over you, we shall find

When you came into existence
I didn't take you seriously at time

But you destroyed everything
You ruined all of mankind

Humans are battling in pain
Only to wonder if it's in vain
We know you've a mission here
Which is to make all feel fear

Poor, rich, powerful or weak
All must work to make you flee
But we know it in our heart
That we will tear you apart

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