

Life in quarantine

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Every PhD wants a bit of time out.
But this was an unprecedented global breakout!

Stay "socially distanced" was the message from the commonwealth,
that is what we still need to do, if we are to keep good health.

They then told us to pack off the labs and go be safe by being alone
Asked us to keep writing, labelling it work from home.

It felt like a fresh breath of air, ironically indoors it was.
A few off lowkey days – sleeping, cooking, and TV without pause.

Work was on the backburner, it was probably lockdown day eight or seven.
Food was great, but 'twas the cakes that were burning in the oven.

People are discovering age old things and naming them dalgona
It is the faithful beaten coffee, much like being called Esther - not Madonna.

The rejuvenation of these few early days
tempted everyone to think back of their artistic ways.

Creativity with paints, brushes and canvas – that kind of art
Most lack such resources, though some from before have hoarded a lot.

It was in March that I heard of Zoom the first time
To keep us productive it's the workplace's lifeline.

It's day 60 of lockdown, no one thought it would be this long.
Productivity has taken a toll, I realise the need to be headstrong.

Told myself,
get a hold of yourself.

Focus on the general wellbeing
the light at the end of this tunnel will be freeing.

Socially distanced does not mean socially disconnected
help someone if you can, as no one is left unaffected.

The world is hurting, but the apathy is unparalleled too
Be an empathetic human, do not be a part of this zoo.

Quoting YOLO, FOMO, Scomo, everyone on the internet is going crazy
Let's vow to be responsible and not spread irrational frenzy.

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The end.