

## Loneliness in the time of Covid

I am pervasive loneliness, that dark abyss  
Lurking with you as you relive the moments missed  
Knocking persistently as you desperately try break out  
I tie your tongue when you are asked what is wrong  
And reply with it's all alright  
I sing with delight as I seep into your heart  
broken down, weary and forever torn apart  
Shrouded in the shadows, silent sobs and screams  
Imperceptible, in fact, things rarely seem amiss  
And this, this is loneliness, that great uniter  
Of the young and old, tormenting the shy and seemingly bold  
Ever more present, as the pandemic unfolds  
And we each try to cope with the burden that we hold  
Together but all alone

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