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All in it together

“Do we wear masks or not?”

I’ve almost forgot

The panic that came at the start of lockdown.

“Can we go to town?”

Then we were stuck in doors

Waiting for Thursdays

When the neighbours

Would come out and clap

For the NHS.

Some had saucepans and spoons

And cars beeped.

They even let off bangers

In the next street,

All in it together.

We had rainbows

In windows.

I put one up

And a neighbour over the road

Liked it so much

They asked me to make one for them

Which I did.

We’d never spoken to each other before

Strangers behinds doors

But now, somehow, all in it together.