

# The Year 2020 by Kaila-Paige Foster

In the year 2020, the world stopped,  
no parties, no gatherings, no schools, no shops,  
put into lockdown and told to stay at home,  
contacting our families via Skype on our phones.

The world came to a halt because of covid-19,  
a virus that lingers but cannot be seen.  
Thousands of lives and jobs were taken,  
how and why did this beast awaken?

Protests, speeches and elections on TV,  
a man of colour killed beneath a cop's knee.  
Young children thrown into adult life,  
a world full of chaos, struggles and political strife.

Key workers all over playing their part,  
going about their jobs with love in their hearts,  
love for the people who cannot see their kin,  
2020, what is happening?

How do you go about living your life  
when isolation cuts deep like a knife.  
Mental health takes a massive decline,  
why can we not, go back and rewind?

Rewind to a time when life was normal,  
a time when social contact wasn't so formal,  
a time when we could be with the people we love,  
is this something we can only dream of?

One day this nightmare will come to an end,  
this nightmare that nobody could comprehend.  
One day people will touch again,  
and be able to socialise with their family and friends.

I dream of a much better day,  
when children no longer social distance but play,  
I dream of a much happier time,  
I know your dreams are the same as mine.

Let's come together and beat this beast,  
it's about time this monster is put on its leash.

Let's get through this nightmare together,  
we don't have to live in fear,  
let's beat this virus together,  
and say goodbye to this year!