



# Stories of Change

## The Pandemic in Trump's America

A viral aerosol has shattered all that used to be,  
The breath of death is ravaging in scope.  
The huddled masses are no longer breathing free,  
Their lives bereft of shelter, food and hope.

The party-loving populace deplored the use of masks  
Bare-faced they packed the bars and restaurants  
For Liberty they filled the churches, and they marched for Blacks

And ostracized compliers with their taunts.

The cages where the desiccated elders  
Were inventoried pending their demise,  
Extinguished life from gravely weakened embers  
Whilst supine health inspectors shut their eyes.

The front-line workers bravely stood the gaff  
They risked their lives by sticking to their tasks  
Demands for danger pay only made their bosses laugh,  
Adding death to memories of the union-busting past.

Politicians, ever fearful for their mandate,  
Denied, denied, denied, denied, denied,  
Defying caution 'till it was far too late  
And anguished frontline medics freely cried.

The world looks on incredulous, with pity,  
A shambles where a nation writhes in pain.  
Can community, and brotherhood and some less liberty

Restore its rightful prominence again?

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