

# Unprecedented Times: Bards in Lockdown

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## Coronavirus: Stay At Home

Here's Coronavirus! – so please, stay at home  
And leave it to your minds to roam  
No Need to journey in your car  
The police won't let you get that far!  
One form of exercise a day  
No more than one hour, or so they say  
You can cycle, run or walk  
Stay 2m apart if you talk  
Don't forget to wash those digits  
Just keep them off your face you fidgets!  
These restrictions are here to stay  
At least, through much of March, April and May  
Boris has succumbed to fever long  
His Tory chums must beaver on  
And try and save the nation's skin  
What dangerous times we're living in!  
The kids are bored, locked in all day  
They need some air, they need some play  
And those with an underlying condition  
Must shield themselves to avoid admission  
Let's raise a cheer for the NHS  
And all those who are dealing with this sorry mess  
Maybe at the end, we'll see a better world  
With love, peace and harmony unfurled!

## Turn Off the Machine

We've turned off the ugly machine now  
The one that keeps us struggling on  
The ones that's turns lives into clockwork  
The one that's slowly going wrong  
Noses no longer on the grindstone  
Toes no longer on ladders of success  
We've stopped just this once to look around us  
And we've seen how tremendous the mess

And no matter how much we still want it  
No matter how we miss those rewards  
It's time to re-evaluate reasons  
It's time to stop sharpening swords  
It's time to meet nature with harmony  
It's time to bless all we've been given  
It's time to just stop and be thankful

And forget that we've always been driven

We can now clearly hear all the birdsong  
We can hear all the highs and the lows  
We can see distant mountains more clearly  
We can watch as the old river flows  
The blinkers on our eyes have been lifted  
We can see with a myriad of light  
It's time to rise up and rejoice now  
It's time to say farewell to this night