

The World Explodes

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The world explodes and our lives pull in tight.
When hugs are needed, we follow distance
To smile, to tap our elbows and that might
Be help to fight for disease resistance.

The world explodes as we shelter in place
To rediscover inner strengths and dreams
To calm the hectic, over-scheduled pace
To sigh, to count the motes in sunny beams.

The world explodes, yet still we look ahead.
The hopes drown fears; the people pull as one
To share, to care; we're strong as we are led
By medical bravery--now matched by none.

A brave new world we will create with heart.
The world explodes, yet we're not pulled apart.