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CORONA HAIKU  CHRONICLES

Cherry blossoms float
Like us wafting down the streets
Alone and unseen.

Just a hoax he lies
Political hype he cries
This minister dies.

Wild beasts embrace space
That we reluctantly leave
Reclaiming their world.

Blue sky comforts me
Still alive while others lie
In piles like firewood.

Each day is savored
Warming sunshine, scudding clouds
Tickling ocean breezes.

Jigsaw puzzle sales
Soar as we shelter in place
Who will tell the tales?

Flowers bloom, birds trill
Through windows we watch hawks soar
Nature triumphant.

Absence is presence
Arms groping with longing
Missing grand babies.

Waves crash unbidden`
Spring flowers bloom unbidden
Sadly forbidden.

Zoom facetime phone calls
Staying connected but still
Screens can’t hug I moan.

Empty swings, no voices
Slides like lonely sentinels
Be safe—but sorry.

We’re fine, safe and sound,
But can’t live on bread alone
Howling skin hunger.
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