

Journey Through It All

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New

Normal is no more
Normal routine is erased
Wishing that this would just be a dream
March turned for the worst
Evacuate and Quarantine
Words that I wouldn't believe hearing in my lifetime
Exploit of the health system
Cost of greed for the price of lives
A new normal

Regular

Leaving normal behind
Starting a new
Back home leaving interactions behind me
Keep moving forward
Technology advances
Economy declines
Constant arguments point to blame
Zoom University
Oh, I wish it wasn't so

Used

News plague the media
No citations or references
What is the truth
We rise in cases while others fall
Bad news none good
Lost in translation to find the truth

Light

Family time

Self – development

Learning new hobbies

Growth as an individual

Increasing technological skills

Dark

Missing my friends

Missing Human Interactions

Family only

Feeling isolated

Forgetting the experience of how it is outside my home

Out of a job

The world

My view

Community unrest

Blame and uprising

Socialism and Fascism used as a scapegoat

Fear brings out true colors

Cabin Fever

People worth risking taking others hostage

Rage fills my mind

Selfishness brews in the reef of the country

Hope

That's what drives me to continue living

Love and care stain between the true colors

Link with the people you care about

My path to college coming to an end

However, a new journey awaits

Wash your hands

This epidemic got me tripping like a diss track
Unlike me, people think that quarantine is whack
Shaking hands and coughing a blow
Get caught and then you and corona go toe to toe
Be safe and stay six feet apart
Don't get any closer which would be smart
When you go out don't forget your mask
Before you eat or do any task
Wash your hands this is all I ask
Open the sink and use the soap
60 seconds' lather it all on your hands and wrists
which is dope
Rinse your hands with water and dry them off
Please use the inside of your elbow when you cough
Don't be a victim to this disease
Follow health guidelines which are simple with ease
We can do this together as one
This sickness and madness can be undone

Hello,

My name is Noah Suarez, and I am about to graduate with a major in Public Health and a Minor in Business. I am living through a pandemic. I decided to narrate my story through creative writing. Although I am isolated and mandated to stay at home, I believe that we should be able to express ourselves and stay positive with the time we do have. Life is precious and short, people die every day, but we should be gracious that we can continue to live and breathe. This pandemic showed me that life is short, and we must make the most out of it. Make every little moment count. This is officially my last college paper as an undergraduate, I am happy that I could write it my own way and with my own style. Whoever is reading this, I hope that you can be comfortable and smile with the people you love and care about.

Sincerely,

To the generation ahead of my time