

19 Haiku for Covid-19 by Lucinda Jacob

We can't go out much
but looking out the window
the sky is bright blue.

Mum's in her work clothes
she's on Zoom, we stay quiet
trying not to laugh.

Kids on the TV
are doing science at home
looking under leaves.

Feeling lonely now.
I want to go back to school
and see everyone.

Mum lends me her phone.
I video call my friend
so happy to talk.

When they're out walking
friends are social distancing.
Maybe we could meet?

My room's full of toys –
can't find anything to do –
No one to play with.

Dad goes to the shops.
I can't go with him but he
brings us back a treat.

Baking together!
Chocolate cake, victoria sponge
fairy cakes, muffins!

On our balcony
I'm growing some vegetables
the sun is shining.

We sowed lots of seeds
our neighbour gave them to us.
Look! They are sprouting!

Mum says to Granny –
Now look for *Start Video*
You've got it, well done.

We can see you now
but we want to hear you too.
Can you press *Unmute*?

Granny's online now
wish I could give her a hug
we wave, kiss the screen.

I've done a jigsaw
She's doing one at her house.
We show each other.

Dad's not working but
he's making loads of masks and
giving them away.

Later out with Mum
I'm on my scooter, she runs
trying to keep up.

This is what I miss –
school, my friends and my teacher
break time and PE.

We can't go out much
but gazing at the dark sky
the stars shine, shine, shine.

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