

Maple Knoll Village

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***“The World Is Closed”***

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The world is closed; you can't go in.  
When will it open up again?  
The happiest place on earth, they say,  
is wiping bitter tears away.  
”Zoom: and “Skype” and “House Party”  
are now part of our repartee.  
Our clergy who are sorely missed  
are all now televangelists.  
Crafters have accepted tasks  
of turning dish towels into masks.  
If you made plans to take a trip  
don't think of traveling on a ship  
or any venue that you chose  
because I said, “The world is closed”.  
The world is closed save but for one  
arena where there is no sun:  
the hospital both near and far,  
and this is where the heroes are.  
Our leaders scramble for a plan.  
They closed their eyes when this began  
and said that it would go away,  
but now we know it's here to stay.  
The world is closed; it's shut its doors.  
You make appointments at the stores  
to bring home groceries that you clean  
to keep you safe in quarantine.  
The world is closed, let us all pray  
that we shall see a brighter day.