

## **THE COVID YEARS**

You remember the start of 2020?

Busy lives and parties plenty

Cupboards full and never empty

Jetting off to far-away places

Food enough to fill our faces

Then came Covid and suddenly

A change of life for you and me

Friends we could no longer see

Over 70s stuck at home

Keeping contact on the phone

So much time to spare indoors

Dusting the house and sorting out drawers

Cleaning the loo and washing floors

No need to tidy things away

Every day felt like a holiday

So many hours for us to talk

Plenty of time to go for a walk

April showers where were they?

The sun shone every single day

It felt more like July than May

Sometimes bad news trickled through  
About the people we once knew  
Tried not to watch the news on TV  
I turned to you, you comforted me  
We kept each other company

December came, the days were cold  
All of us did what we were told  
Living out our lives on hold  
Celebrations have come and gone  
All of us older one year on

The winter months they soon passed by  
I'd learned to smile and not to cry  
If the children asked we said we were well  
And if we weren't they couldn't tell  
Our interaction was all on screen  
As if our old lives had never been

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