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Hello!

My name is Cyrus,  
I'm a brave little boy  
who is learning  
how to fight this  
new Corona virus.  
Join me and let's  
fight this together.

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**Dedicated to :**

Our mums and dads, families and friends!

It wouldn't be as good without you...

our lives and this book!

It didn't take Coronavirus to make us realise that!

My mum and dad are talking  
in a kind of serious way,  
of something they call COVID.  
I've heard it lots today.



I heard it on the telly,  
this morning on the news.  
My teachers, neighbours and the vet  
were talking COVID too.







They said it's spread across the world  
when people travel 'round,  
on cruises, buses, planes and trains,  
in shops and footy grounds.

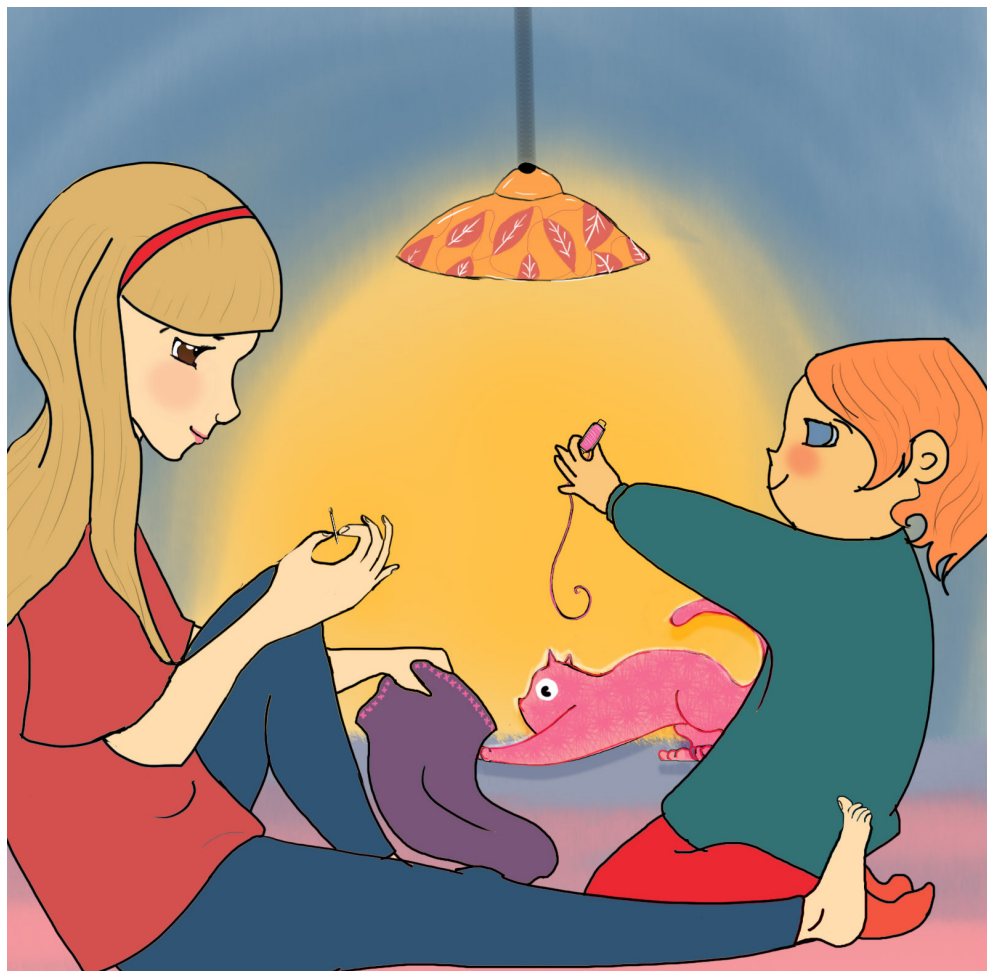
So what's this thing called COVID?  
And what's it gonna do?  
It's sounding kind of scary  
and I don't have a clue.





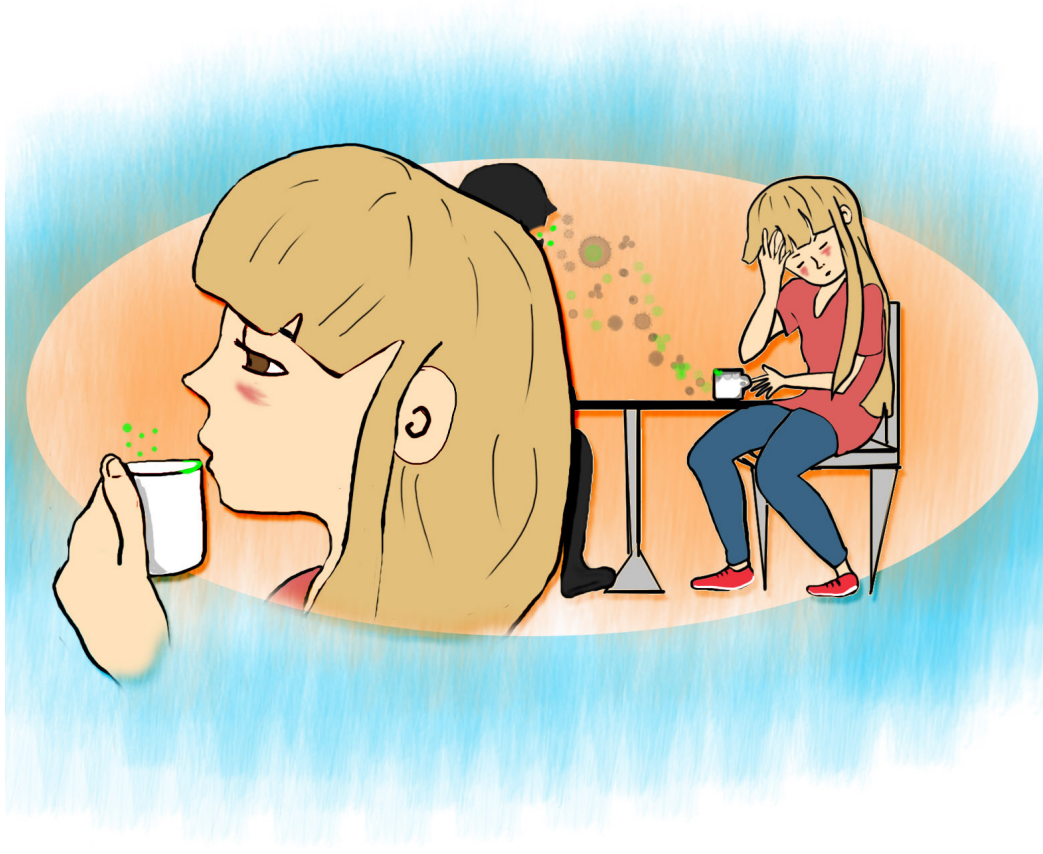


But mum and dad are in the know  
and so they sit me down;  
they say it is a new disease -  
a germy virus with a crown.



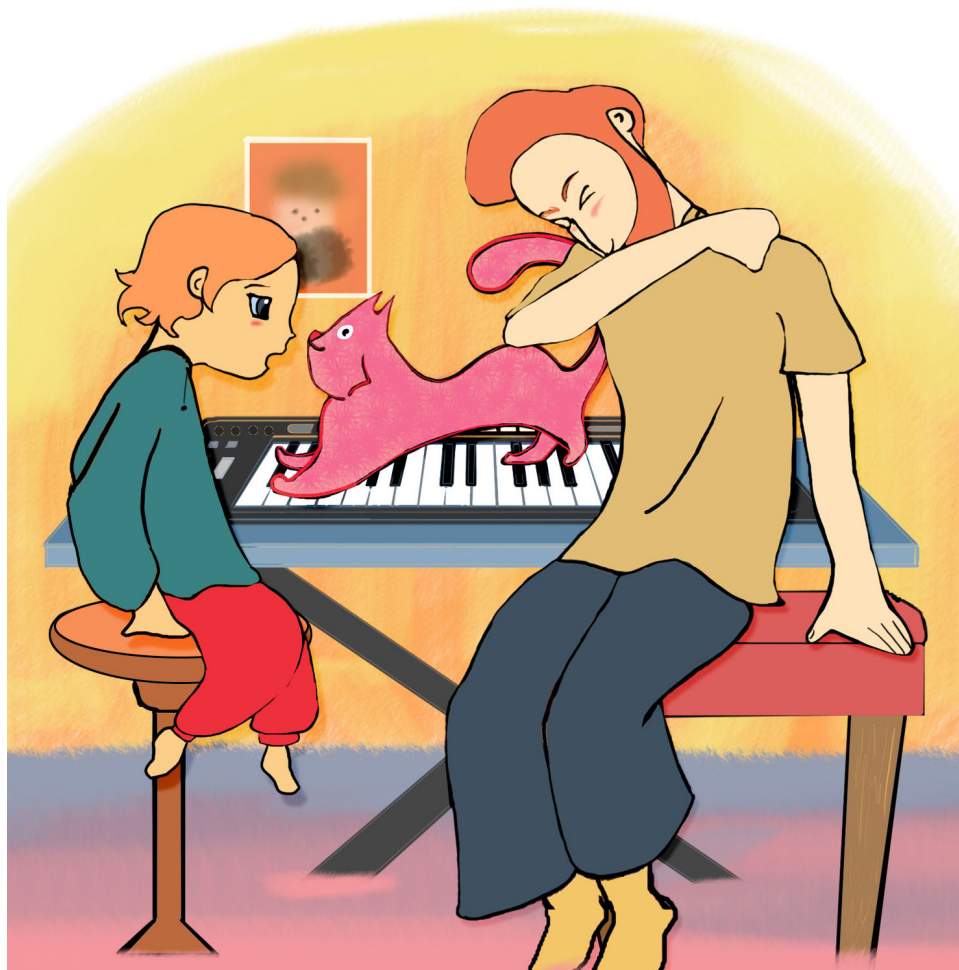
Mum says it's really tiny,  
a germ we cannot see,  
and it can get inside of us  
through a germy cough or sneeze.

If germy drops get in your nose  
you'll think you've caught the flu -  
a cough, a fever, aches and pains,  
and trouble breathing too.



The germs can hide on many things  
and may be here or there.  
And so before I touch my face  
I must wash my hands with care.





Dad showed me how to cover my mouth  
if I need to cough or sneeze.  
Then I must wash my hands again  
and always keep them clean.





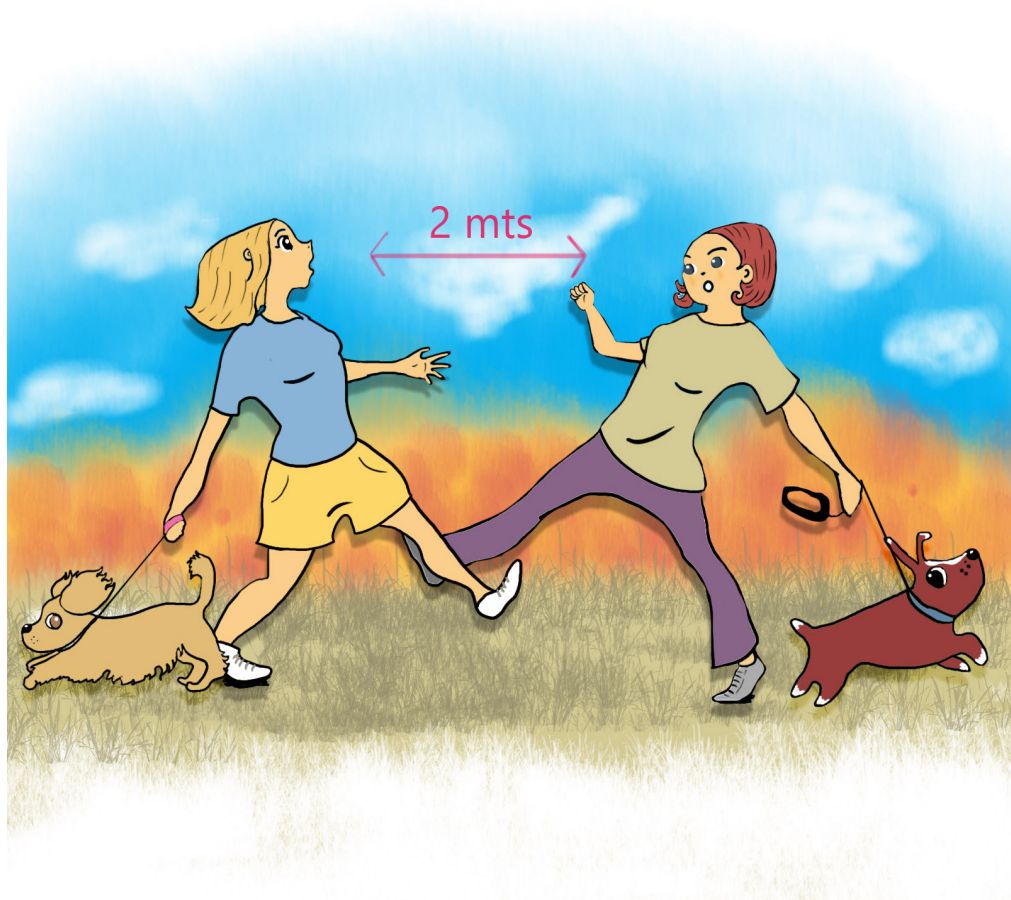
Mum says we need to stay at home  
where we are safe and sound,  
and keep away from busy spots  
where COVID can be found.

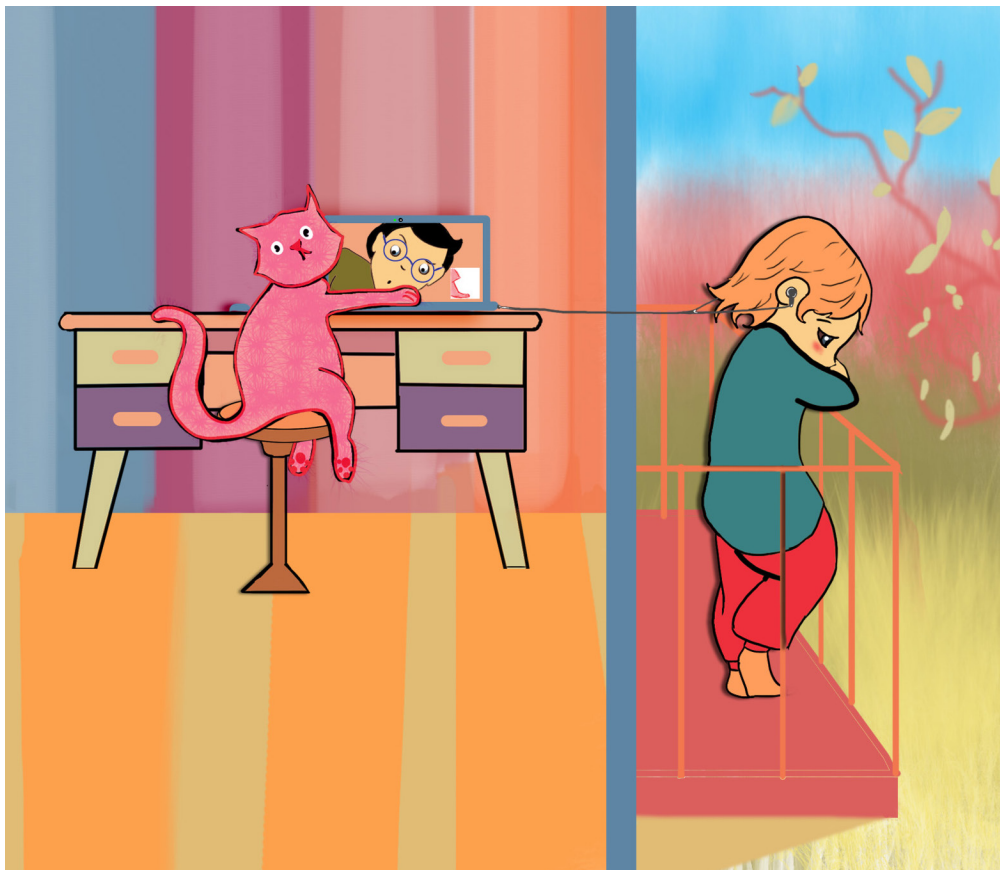


And if we have to step outside  
it's only to the store,  
or take a walk around the block,  
just that and nothing more.



And if we are near other folk,  
we'll try to stay apart -  
two meters, say the doctors,  
is really very smart.



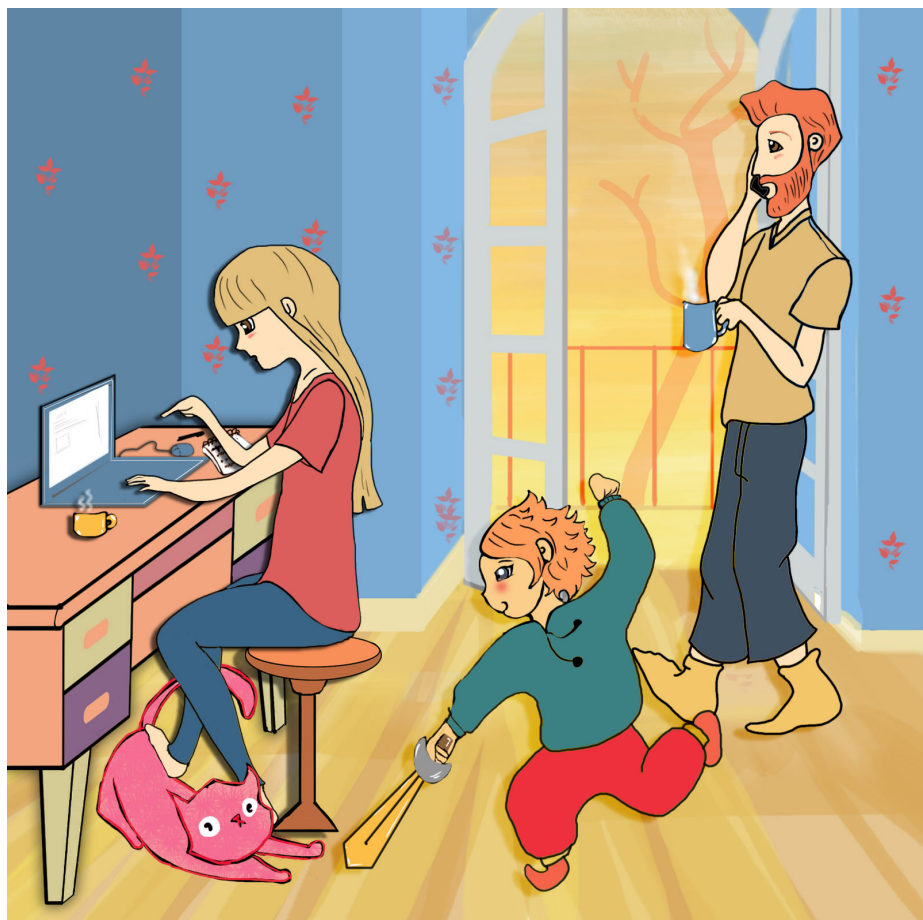


My school is closed and now online  
and I can't meet my friends.  
There's no more playing in the park  
until this crisis ends.



I'll miss my granny and my mates  
and cousin Andy too.  
But I can see them on video chat  
when I'm feeling blue.

Mum and dad can stay at home  
and get work done online.  
But others have to go outside  
to keep things working fine.





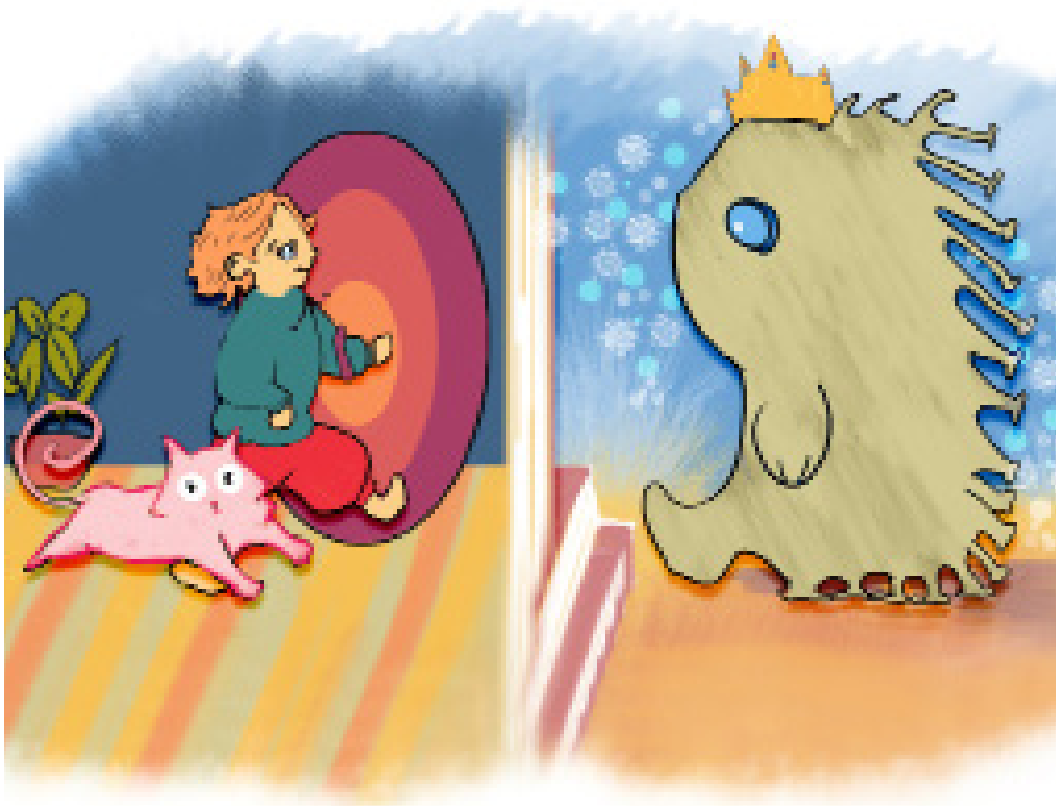


Nurses, doctors, firefighters too,  
and workers in the shops,  
posties, drivers and police  
have work that cannot stop.



So we can still get medicine  
and all essential stuff,  
and we know we are in good hands,  
even though the times are tough.





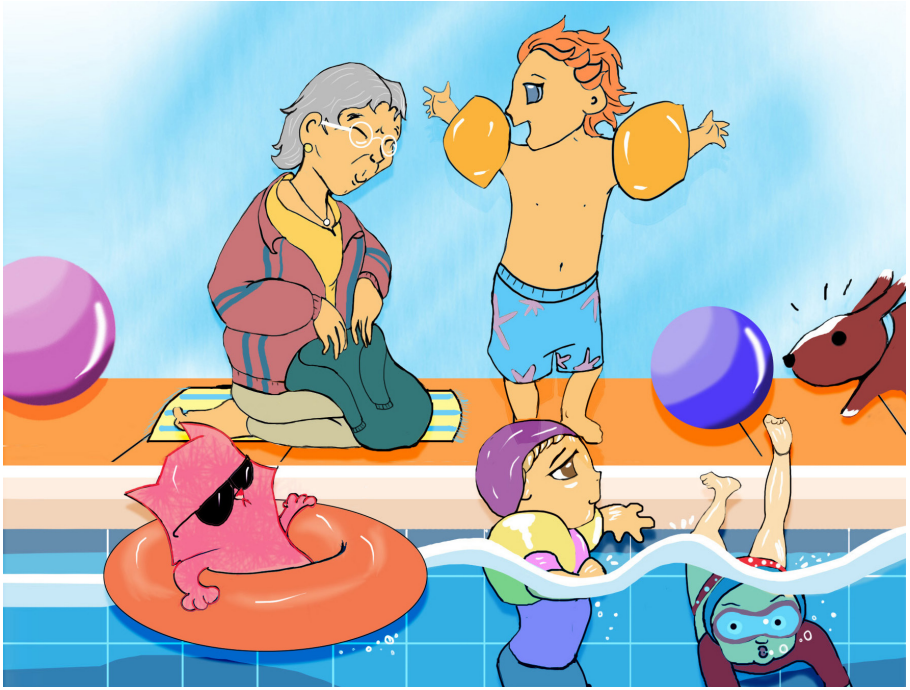
This COVID thinks it's a monster  
but I'm as brave as I can be.  
I'll do my best to keep its germs  
far, far away from me.

If it does sneak up on me  
I'll stay in bed all day.  
And mum will call our doctor  
And do just what they say.



There's a vaccine in the making,  
that's what the virus fears,  
and when it's done, we'll get our shots  
then COVID disappears!





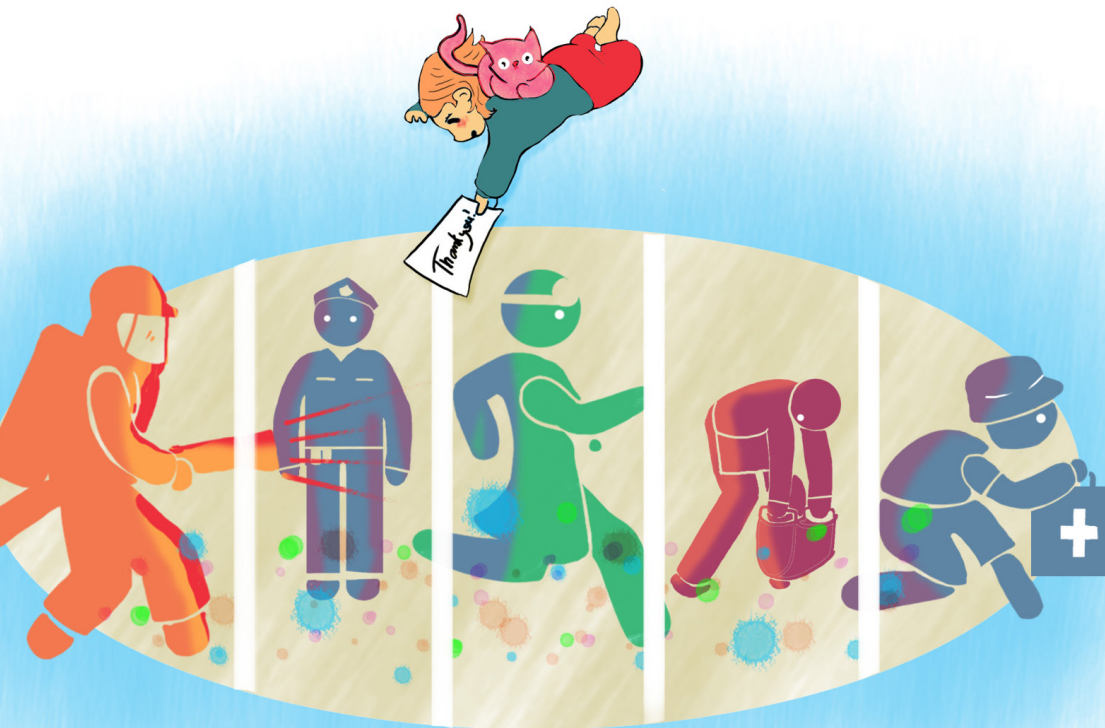
When things are back to normal,  
I will go out everyday,  
to school, the pool, the beach, the park  
and Andy's house to play.

I'll go and see my granny  
for an ice-cream cone or three,  
and meet with all my friends again.  
....Bye bye virus, we are free!



# Thank you!

To all who stayed at home,      who kept us safe,  
And all who had to work,      who kept us healthy, and  
who did deliveries,      who kept things running.  
who kept the streets clean,      We all had a part to play.  
who stocked the shops,      So a heartfelt thanks to all.







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