

## In The Waiting Room

Spaced-out lines of queueing people  
Silent tongues in talking heads  
Pale green gowns and plastic face masks  
Ventilators breathe beside endless beds

Charts and graphs of Health Care experts  
Closely monitored exponential lines  
Corridors of countless trolleys  
Evidence found of buried lies

Anxious minds fed simple slogans  
Politicians caught breaking their own rules  
Criticism of scarce resources  
Presidents courting ridicule

Government loans for a furloughed workforce  
Subsidy schemes for redundant lives  
Business magnates claim tax-payer hand-outs  
Counting bodies weighed against slipping time

Angry faces outside empty buildings  
Selfish actions by an indifferent few  
Helping hands deliver brown paper parcels  
Essential items to see others through

Lockdown love gives way to violence  
Families struggling to keep afloat  
Pensioners to asylum seekers  
We all share the same boat