

POEM

Part 1 - A DECLARATION IN PANDEMIC TIME

Our nation had been overwhelmed with many words aplenty!

Strong demanding words from Wellington in March 2020!

It's was level 4 – shut tight your door -

Learnt to live within your 'bubble'

Don't panic buy – it only causes trouble.

Our clergy stood alone each Sunday, in an empty church,

Fronting a camera to help us with our spiritual needs at this special time.

Part 2 - AN INVITATION TO THE DANCE

On June 9 in 2020 we hit level 1

No cases of covid19, a national jump for some!

Oh what a relief to end most of our troubles.

As we celebrate the bursting of our 'bubbles'

When our prime minister was given her chance –

She smiled, and said 'I did a little dance'...

We are of course left with massive national debt,

Steeply rising unemployment and struggling food banks.

But even so, let us reflect, give thanks and pledge

ourselves – to really love one another!

Dear Lord, bless us all – especially those who suffer.

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