

## Poems by Jo Blakemore and Scotty Harrison

### Life in a bubble:

In Aotearoa NZ

It's one day

before lockdown.

What does lockdown really mean anyway?

Never been in one of those before..

People are scrambling like ants,

To gather this

To fetch that,

Folk are looking stunned

Not knowing

What's what anymore?

I'm at Mitre

And wait in line,

With my white orchid flower in a pot



**Jo Blakemore**

### **'Lockdown NZ'**

Am enjoying not working the 8- 5 thing

Just doing a few DIY

Sitting in my garden oasis

Having my haircut

By my private hairdresser...

My wife.

Suddenly, silence is broken

Blaring music blasts from a courier van

'I am stranded

Caught in the crossfire'. Appropriate tunes right now ( Song by Stevie Ray Vaughan)

**Scotty Hamilton**



### **'Walnut tree on a Lockdown walk'**

It's great to discover the countryside

in more detail,

Nature is stronger than ever

Resilient and

Nourishing.

**Jo Blakemore**

## 19 word - Micro- stories by Jo

1. Humanity's invisible torment  
allows nature to breathe again.  
Now, more than ever,  
the mountains, sky  
and sea  
radiate eternity.
2. Silent skies  
Deserted streets,  
trampoline children  
Bounce and boing,  
Boing and bounce,  
Above the fence-line  
They appear.  
Innocent oblivion.

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