2020; year of the loudest silent war

The fear mongering, the silence, the unknown What is this wanton enemy with so much untold? The fever, headaches, short-breath, cough and sore throat! The rumours, conspiracy and media with many around the globe taking note

The disruption, the adaptation, the lockdown and mask The washing of hands, social distancing and limited travel and tasks Homeworking, loss of jobs, worried hearts, isolation, loneliness and sad remarks Family is everything, forced holiday but going nowhere, bravo to key workers

But, if this hasn't been a war then let someone say If this has not demanded enough can someone please call my name If this has not scared many and tired us all let someone say nay This year is indeed the longest but most silent year

Many cried, called on God, many died, constant change, much uncertainty Panic buying, hoarding, closed places, solo exercises and general sensitivity Through it all, most lived with the internet and many showed creativity All hands were on deck with heroes helping lives; oh the strength of unity!

It is the new normal and we are still here, but hopefully done I can't afford another stay at home order but until it's all gone... We have these options; stay alert, show some love and go beyond having fun United we must, to combat our single enemy, and together, we shall be glad we won!