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## Quarantine Poetry

### Love Story put on hold

Vacation in a much deeper state of mind

Careful, stay at home sweet quarantine

I'd like to make you mine

But we have to stay at home and watch the world for a while

As people are suffering, I keep thinking of you

Like you are my star and I am your moon

How selfish to do

To continue the bond that we build up to

It is necessary to save the world

So, it won't split us in two

The land of romance is hurt

We keep looking but nothing changes

Will you stay at home while they stay in danger?

Promise to keep us safe

Not just me but instead

Your family

Mine, theirs, his and hers

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Rebellion of youth

Better surrender

I know you`re young

And youth needs to be celebrated to the fullest

But some are not

Better surrender

Because if you don`t

Some might have to leave their life behind

While you couldn´t put yours on hold

Better surrender

Believe me it is just temporary

You will get time to spent outside, live, love and cry

But for now

Stay at home

Connect with yourself

Read a book

Take a bath

But please,

Surrender.

A few words by the author

I want to say a few words in order to provide a better way of understanding my poetry. The situation coined by coronavirus is getting worse. We all suffer from restrictions and are limited in our way of living. In my poems I wanted to draw attention to all the teenagers who carelessly spent their time in large groups at the park, their homes or other public spaces and are not willing to change their behavior, those who continue to meet people, drink alcohol from the same bottle or do not acknowledge social distancing as serious way to deal with this crisis.

I, as a teenager myself, can understand what you´re going through - you are upset because you just lost your last days of school, you want to celebrate your early “holiday” or you just want to escape from home and spent time with your friends. But you have to reconsider what you´re doing to the elderly, to those with pre-existing illnesses and to those who are in charge of curing the sick. You may not be in danger – but other people are. You cannot be 100% sure that you aren´t infected and that you won´t be infecting other people. And that´s why it is important for you to stay home, no matter how intense the urge to disobey the rules

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provided by the government is, you should listen to them and you will see that all of this madness will come to an end.

There are quite a lot of things you can do at home, so you might give it a try. Meet friends via social media (I can highly recommend that one), read a book you've planned to read for a while, go for a walk, listen to music, face time your friends...but please stay home.