

Easter, 2020

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First Easter without
(he died in the summer)
and alone

although
in her driveway my neighbor
offered at arms' length
a loaf of new bread

and I took the bread
in the same way
and at my table broke it
with gloved hands

and processed
like a Mary
to my friend
and gave her portion

saying
Take and eat
this is for you

and taking the bread
with bare hands
O gracious she said
I am hungry

and praises arose
like leaven
in our hearts.