

Holy Saturday 2020

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Remember when you walked outside
and the world was silent
except for the hum of hospitals
because for once,
the whole world was intent upon healing.

Remember this actually happened:
the engines of greed stalled
and for a moment
humans along every river,
people packed into every city,
on every tectonic plate,
paused.

Birds sang.
Breezes swept empty streets.
Smog thinned
and the Himalayas came into view,
while death hung in the air
unspeaking,
and the whole world
waited for life, and grace
to persist.