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Cloudless blue sky  
with no evidence of virus —  
a beguiling view

A senior checklist —  
mask, gloves, glasses, wipes for  
everything you touch

Are you okay?  
we ask over and over  
unable to hug

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A heartless leader  
and legions of nameless heroes  
define this tragedy

Rice every night —  
a bowl of white delight  
pandemic comfort food

Butter and flour  
paper napkins and disinfectant wipes  
emptied grocery shelves

Photos of America —  
the long 1930s food lines  
resurging in 2020

A poet's comfort —  
to grow something brand new  
with mere words

No longer young  
I still lean toward beauty —  
rain-swept skies

Grief is boundless  
though we still go on  
our love's journey

The days blur  
I've written you final letters  
just in case

We cannot choose  
the end of this story —  
give thanks anyway

Bright orange poppies  
cascades of lavender-blue wisteria  
this undeniable spring



*Note: A “lune” (also known as American haiku) is a three-line poem consisting of 3/5/3 words in each line.*

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