

# **Balloons**

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**We were balloons  
Floating in the sky  
Now we lie deflated  
Stuck on the ground  
But why?**

**I have asked myself  
That question every day  
Of this eternal pandemic  
But I never find the answer  
To my query**

**Until Now  
I have endlessly pondered  
On the horrid coronavirus  
And its awful effects  
Swirling around us  
Buried in our brain**

**Others may say  
Others may state**

**We are depressed in sadness  
Only able to deflate**

**But i beg to differ  
To give a different answer  
Another clarification  
For I now know  
The Confirmation  
To my often question**

**You see  
We Hear  
“Death”  
“Sadness”  
“Worry”  
“Cry”  
“Goodbye”  
More and More  
All the time**

**WE bury ourselves  
More and More  
As we hear and see  
Our internal war**

**It is only us  
It is me and you**

**Who make ourselves sad  
Endlessly blue**

**But now things  
are changing  
For the Better  
The Pandemic  
Is Ending**

**Now we are growing  
Happier and  
We are feeling  
more joy**

**The crunch of our bones  
As we broke them down  
The noise, The Sound  
Has gone from  
A pouring rain  
To a drizzle  
To a drippity drop drop**

**Our happiness now  
Zooms to the sky  
Like a laser beam  
Shooting straight  
And tall and high**

**Taking measures Extreme  
Far in the sky**

**This pandemic has been hard  
Hard on all of us  
Making us feel helpless  
Making us feel lost**

**The piece of paper  
The sheet  
Of yesterday  
With all the scrapes  
And cuts and bruises  
Are Being Erased**

**For we are no longer  
Chaining ourselves Down  
No longer  
Keeping ourselves bound**

**We have escaped  
COVID's evil lair  
Our balloons  
Are filled with air**