

## **In This Together**

### **Documenting COVID-19 in the Commonwealth**

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**Biography:** I was born in Texas in 1957 and am an educator. I've lived and worked in Texas and California and came here in 2016 when my husband took a position at UK. I graduated from the University of Texas at Austin and am a literacy specialist. I've worked to bridge practice between K12 schools and higher education for years. Since coming to Kentucky, I've supervised student teachers and been a part-time instructor at UK. We are here away from our children and lifelong friends and feel the isolation of this time quite deeply. This poem reflects a bit of what I am feeling.

#### **COVID-19 Experience:**

##### **Six Feet**

No handshakes, or pats on the shoulder  
Or hugs  
Or, take a taste, or sip of this.  
No side by side working at a table  
Or sharing coffee and news, leaned in.  
No kisses  
Touching cheeks-  
All of that deferred.  
I understand more and more each day that  
We are not made for this isolation  
And we all yearn deeply to return to one another