

## **Credit to All the Frontline Healthcare Workers**

A planet caught up in anxiety,  
a myriad, a cloud of uncertainties  
a globe caught up in the vortex  
of a spiteful virus  
calls for clear heads that don't freak out  
but stay calm, cool enough to respond  
to all possible preventive  
measures and guidelines

A world hard-pressed to find  
a person who is unaffected  
must restrict the spread of a virus whose trail  
is a hurt body, a loss or a hurt health system  
or a hurt economy and a hurt humanity

The infected are to seek medical attention pronto,  
all persons are affected,  
all to refrain from feeding the chaos or anxiety  
for there is life, a lesson  
after the frenzied storm as the health heroes  
fight and sacrifice with a bravery  
that seeks to save lives even in the core  
of a breaking point

A turbulent time calls for unity,  
for the melting of hearts,  
there has to be a merger of purpose  
for the sake of humanity

Here is a hard-hit earth that has to fight  
the virus from various  
angles but with a singularity  
of purpose that knows no walls  
of bias and ego but gates of lenience and alliance

For the frontline healthcare workers--  
the planet salutes them—they can't be thanked,  
appreciated enough---  
whether the cases spike or decline  
for their valor, verve, love and selflessness.

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