

The Song of Koel in the Lockdown

Heard in the crisp morning
and again, in the
afternoon,
the feathered singer dark-n-shy
heard by
Keats
in another age and country

the eternal inspiration for the artists
so near, so distinct, this time---
a *Koel* crooning
the vocals in a cascade, soft and captivating,

the musical notes, amplified and
dispersed, across the vicinity

like the honeyed drops, unexpectedly, from
the heavens.

Is it real Mumbai
or
Am I dreaming?

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