

## **But Will It Celebrate?**

A tiny organism grips a global domain,  
so follow admonishments against  
running to bedsides

Invaders impersonate health,  
impervious to jeers, to incantations,  
to evocations of skill

Crammed on transit, in summits, along  
seminary halls, hosts and their uninvited  
mingle furtively

Clumsy efforts ensue—closings, scrubblings, coverings—  
as each, while waiting for the train, parks  
in a circumference slightly larger than a sneeze

as the scene slows,  
cools, sells off,  
self-isolates

as  
the placid virus  
triumphs

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