Migration

Now locked in homes
we fight Covid
thousands fought till the
other day;
by silently going home
hundreds of miles away
stop them, we shouted
this is reverse migration
dangerous for them and us
but they continued, wept even
children, mothers, fathers
and we shouted, blamed
but unlike them, did not weep.
Some said: how can you stop
them from going home?
Others said, they are migrant workers
they will go home, this is reverse migration
they want the comfort of homes
Now, we are silent
they have stopped going home
but the ones who started, have they reached?

It doesn't matter, we are safely locked inside
Ours is adverse migration.

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