

Will We Miss This?

By Kelly Martin

Will we miss this?

The slowness, the stillness.

Will we miss this?

The books, the movies, the walks, the children

Will we miss this?

The extra hugs, phone calls, and unexpected hellos

Will we miss this?

The shelter, the quiet, no place to go.

Or will we run?

Right back

Back to where it all began

The working, the going, the ungrateful man

Will we dash out the door without smiling at the sun?

Back to restaurants, bars, and gyms without giving that last hug

Will we jump back in so fast that we missed the whole point?

To be thankful for the love, laughs, and freedom— because that's the whole point?

The whole point of life

To slow down and appreciate

To take care of our planet and each other too

To slow down and be thankful when there's nothing else to do

To reflect and forgive and pray for hope

Will we ever find the perfect way to cope?

Before we were so focused on the end goal, the finish line, the getting there

We never stopped running

We never stopped to smell the roses and just breathe the fresh air

Will we miss this?