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Autumn Covid

Six months and more,
Hear the sounds of great weariness
Disgruntled, bad tempered exchanges
Between, and among, the power wielders.
'Lack of evidence' say Opposers
Demands of 'logic' claim Proponents
It's 'Go with the flow' for the Population
Resigned to Travel bans, Local Lockdowns,
Treatment delays, Redundancies and more.

The R rate regulated the early days
Same R now influenced by the living.
Test and Trace catastrophes, PPE chaos.
Yet more Covid, new Long Covid and nasty debility.
Labelled Covid patients, Covid deaths, Covid trends.
People depersonalised, Persons dehumanised.
Unique individuals, loved ones, lost to labels and lists.

Depressing, frustrating. Yes, demoralising.
And feckless, shabby, public figures breach
The rules they passed for everyone's benefit.

The country on its knees yet poised to survive
Fights for right to work and employment;
Entertainment and merriment too.

Invention, innovation and good intention
Create new jobs, new businesses, and Hope.
For now, Liquidation and Administration stalled.
Thank goodness for the Imagination:
Drive-thru dining, Drive-in weddings....
Should we not count our Blessings?

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