I Feel Covid

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I felt covid;

Much before it could get near me.

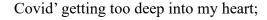
When you waved at me from the screen—

With the in-between distance,

That separates us—

I felt covid;

Much before it could creep into my lungs.



When I was only afraid of my lungs.

I need to sense your voice till late into the night,

Feel You close to my ear,

As we used to.

The overburdened doctor in his hurry hasn't prescribed that.

Ring me up. Take me back to the times when—

we weren't distancing.

I feel covid online!

You don't ask me out;



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Lest I infect myself.

But I already sense the symptoms behind my mask!

I feel breathless

I feel covid without you,

You see...