

THE LOCK-DOWN NATIVITY

Once upon a 'lock-down' time
when people just stayed in,
Gabriel waited online
for Mary to log in.

Mary prayed to God each day,
but not to only chat.
She also listened for the times
when God sent answers back.

Today the answer sent from God
was brought by Gabriel.
"Can you hear me Mary?
I have some news to tell"

Mary didn't talk to strangers
especially on line,
but Gabriel WAS different.
This Angel was divine.

"The world is in a great big mess,
but God knows what to do.
God's known it from the start of time,
and all we need is you.

Will you be the mother of
the Son of God, the King,
who'll save the world from all its mess
and clean up all its sin?"

She knew this wasn't fake news.
She knew this was from God,
so Mary gave the thumbs up
and gave a little nod.

Mary was engaged to Joe,
but wasn't in his 'bubble'.
She had to give the news on line.
For Joe this just meant trouble.

He wondered, should he block her
and post the news on line?
But he was not a bully.
His heart would mend in time.

But then his phone began to 'ping'.
It couldn't be ignored.
Imagine his surprise when he
saw the Angel of the Lord!

"Worry not" the Angel said,
"This baby is divine.
He's here to make a place for you
with God for all of time."

So Joseph gave a 'thumbs up'
and set a wedding date,
but there wasn't a reception
to slow infection rate.

In nine months' time rates peaked again.
God longed to bring us home
where nothing bad could hurt us
and we'd never be alone.

And hospitals were busy
and all the wards were rammed.
This wasn't quite labour
that Joe and Mary planned.

They couldn't get a taxi,
they had to stay at home,
and Mary had her baby
with the doctor on the phone!

It wasn't very long
till they shared the news on line
that Mary had a baby boy
and they were doing fine.

They called their baby Jesus,
a light for all to see
that God loves the world so much.
God loves you and me!

But as they showed their baby off
to family and the rest,
their time was interrupted
by uninvited guests.

They 'bombed' their little party,
but before Joe could press mute
the hackers were all cheering
and said the kid was cute.

Then Angels in the waiting room
Were ready to come in.
Joe responded 'admit all'
So they could start to sing.

The singing was unlike a choir.
They sang all out of time,
but they were singing praise to God
And God thought they were fine!

The Hackers then all shared the news
on line and all around
that they had seen the Son of God
wrapped in a dressing gown.

And Key workers from far away
brought supplies to their home,
of toilet roll and hand wash
and a new charger for their phone
so they could keep in contact
with the world God loves so much.
So let's praise God together
even when we cannot touch.

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