

## **Covid-19 – The Brighter Side November 2020**

While Covid-19 is a very nasty and occasionally fatal virus for a few, the precautions we all take in an attempt to avoid it can also make us feel miserable. This is an attempt to brighten up your day.

First, some candidates for the 2020 Christmas Number One:

1. Coughin' around the Christmas Tree
2. I Saw Mummy Social-distancing from Santa Claus
3. Rudolf the Masked-nose Reindeer
4. All I Want for Christmas is a Covid-19 Vaccine
5. Lockdown Time is Here

More festive renderings:

1. When the red, red robin comes cough, cough, coughing along
2. We three kings of Orient are,  
Bearing germs we've travelled afar
3. God help you, wheezing gentlemen
4. I'm dreaming of a viral Christmas
5. While shepherds washed their masks by night
6. You better watch out  
You better not cry  
You better not pout  
I'm telling you why  
Sanitiser is comin' to town
7. 'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. They were all self isolating
8. locked down town of Bethlehem

On a little more serious note, here is a brief pageant of English verse:

I won't arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,  
I'll sanitize the doorknob and make a cup of tea.  
I won't go down to the sea again; I won't go out at all,  
I'll wander lonely as a cloud from the kitchen to the hall.  
There's a green-eyed yellow monster to the north of Katmandu  
But I shan't be seeing him just yet and nor, I think, will you.  
While the dawn comes up like thunder on the road to Mandalay  
I'll make my bit of supper and eat it off a tray.  
I shall not speed my bonnie boat across the sea to Skye  
Or take the rolling English road from Birmingham to Rye.  
About the woodland, just right now, I am not free to go  
To see the Keep Out posters or the cherry hung with snow,  
And no, I won't be travelling much, within the realms of gold,  
Or get me to Milford Haven. All that's been put on hold.  
Give me your hands, I shan't request, albeit we are friends  
Nor come within a mile of you, until this trial ends.