

# Is Normal Ever Coming?

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Coronavirus  
It's here.

We hid in our houses,  
For weeks hoping for normal again.  
But time and time again,  
We were told it can't happen.

The streets which were full of life,  
Suddenly became silent.  
Watching the birds outside free  
Playing tag through the branches,  
Chirping without a care  
Taking a break with rich sugar water.

Wishing I had that freedom.  
Leaving only to get groceries  
Following the stickers on the floor  
With authority of where to go.

Then the day came - the hope  
For the normal again.  
Only to be taken again,  
Like a kid getting into something  
They aren't supposed to.

With hospitals breaking at the seams,  
We shouldn't be open.  
Grocery stores with departments,  
Closed from continuous outbreaks.

Death is all around us  
But still let's open up.

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Slowly but surely we did.  
With mask and a vaccine card  
You can have the normal back.

After forced vaccinations we open more,  
Bringing back school.  
But after two weeks,  
Students are sick - classes canceled  
Missing in person school like before.

It's still here.  
But yet,  
We act like it's not.