

## **DEATH and DAFFODILS**

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in this season

of daffodils and death

in this season

of masks and social distancing

in this season of hazmat suits

face masks and gloves

death by the dozens

in this season

of fear and grief

empty streets and lines

in grocery stores

in this season

of job loss and isolation

in this season

of the Chinese New Year of the metal rat

in this season

that seems like a bad Hollywood

B horror movie

are we dreaming?

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“and this too shall pass”

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but will we be here to see it?

life says every second is gold

every breath a miracle...

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