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toWrite...
creative writing
workshops

Lockdown Kernels

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Formula

Joy subtraction

Occurs when daily distractions are numbed by the unperformance of rituals.

Days are numbered. We tell ourselves we are walking to Mecca.

Faces

Clockwatching

Is a luxury. Hands whizz round without meaning. Roadblocks are put in place

To space out meals and thoughts. We amble towards the Now.

Balustrades

Fertile void,

The Mother of re-invention parts the tectonic plates of normality. She's holding

Back the new normal. From below, you are flanked by towering statues.

These pillars holding your life together are exposed.

Revolution

Clattering, the wheels

Of routine fell off. Paddling now made sense. Slow down. Look where Progress
Has got us. Only neighbours born in the forties used to remember roads this quiet.

Home School

Corporal punishment

For parents. Worksheets to flatten knowledge. Games to stop them

Reading. Class division by the back door, WiFi as wealth index.

Well someone's got to pay for it, said the minister.

Present Tense

New walks

Aren't new just because it hadn't occurred to you to do them.

What's that in old money? Is how you will sound when reminiscing

About mass gatherings.