

Bubble Wrap

Bubble bubble that incantation
of witches' rime and alliteration
reiterated and played upon
by powers of darkness and light left
and right, exhilarating changes
combinations and permutations
accelerating contamination
unhinging everything
inside and out the concave lens
we peer through with jaundiced eye
on 2020 hindsight

and foghorn Janus visions of tomorrow
keeping our distance as best we can,
restrain, refrain, expanding our field
of personal space to two arms' length
avoiding even the rub of elbows,
renegotiating the metrics
required to draw a free breath
without the masks common sense
common decency and peril
dictate we wear, estimating
the risk in holding one another dear.