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## **POEM**

### **You 'Phoned**

Lockdown signals gentle house arrest  
Without a crime save still of being alive.  
The birds, it seems, rejoice and build their nest  
In purer air, their songs the earth revive.  
Alone, I think, I dream and pray in peace,  
I travel far in time and place, no planes  
To board, no passports to be stamped, release  
From servitude to coaches, cars and trains.  
The world of inner space and endless time  
Extends a galaxy of memories  
And fantasies where royal feasts and wine  
Nourish contentment, write fresh stories.

All I miss is someone with whom to share  
My travels and a further bliss to dare.

**Brian Thorne**  
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