

Something In the Air

There's something in the air,
Is it the smell of optimism, heaven-sent,
Could it be the end's in sight
To this viral winter of our discontent,
And the endless Covid night.

Is it because we're now emerging
From the lockdown, day and night
Into the light of day
Is it because we've put that bug to flight,
Emerging - injured but alive,
To fight another day.

There's something in the air, all right
And this time it isn't viral;
You can see it in the faces of the people passing by,
The retirees, wishing they were working,
And the workers, just waiting for retiral,
So they can claim the pension as their right
And join the never-ending pension - spending spiral.

Could it be that we're approaching
The return of close- to- normal,
Call it 'Covid Normal' if you will,
And from jewelled sea to far horizon,
The effect is quite surprisin'
Is this the long-awaited light upon the hill?

There was optimism for the future
When we struck a double-zero,
The 'Double-donut' someone named it ,
And Chairman Dan – not everybody's hero,
Held his double-donut in the air -
No doubt he later framed it,
And hung it up somewhere.

The Stock Exchange is looking bullish
And the Aussie Dollar looks healthier today
'Tho Interest rates are non-existent,
To deny it would be foolish,
And the Self-funders are insistent
That they'll soon be non-existent
Unless some Governmental Dollars come their way.

So, what's different now, this Spring weekend,
The second in November
When the Yanks are changing President
And Daniel's loosened up a bit
For a Covid - normal Christmas in December?
Could it be the worst is over
And we have reason to be glad
We're all still alive and well, remember,
Because we kept apart and wore our masks
And watched endless Harvey Norman ads.
While we went about our daily lock-down tasks.

Meanwhile, spare a thought
For all who paid a heavy price
To keep the Covid wolf at bay,
And spend your precious buck right here in Inverloch,
So our local shops and clubs
Live on to fight another day,
And don't forget the local pubs,
The reinvented Invy and Hoots's Hideway
Which just appeared this week from nowhere,
And is it here to stay?

And take a closer look at the label on that can
Before you drop it in your shopping trolley,
If it doesn't say "Made Here In Oz"
Put it back and look around
For something local,
Before you spend your precious lolly,
Just to keep it inward-bound!