

Viral Haikus – Reflections on the Pandemic

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The recent COVID-19 pandemic, caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus greatly impacted the human species at various facets of its civilisation, from physical and mental health to social behaviour, scientific advancements, and politics.

Imagine that transhumans and posthumans also exist. How might they have experienced the pandemic years? This haiku triptych imagines how a human, transhuman and posthuman might reflect on the pandemic.

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Human

*Office work returns,
Gentle hum, pleasant chatter,
Shedding viral load.*

Transhuman

*Virus plagues many,
Pity those unmodified,
Pray they convalesce.*

Posthuman

*Unscathed we persist,
Apathy wanes present plight,
Vicarious anguish.*