Lottie says:

She sent me an email, Nearly at her 80s.

It’s A pen pal relationship that encapsulates

That There is always something that saves my day.

Today I picked up the moments when they dance in unison, The death of my late husband, My grandson cheating at monopoly.

And its Good bad sad angry and exciting.

I feel closer to you now.

Love to you all.

Nic says:

This is a little tiny microphone connected to a camera.

We expect periods of silence.

We are ok with that.

A friend said Morrisons became her safe space, and We have to find comfort in different ways, and in new spaces.

The christmas season made almost no impact on me.

Sweet treats are abbreviating these long lockdown days.

But The nurses who check on my mam can’t receive fruit loaf.

The face masks prevent refreshment.

No flapjack.

No Something fleetingly joyous.

I am yet to measure mams morphine.

My mother, 84.

I go for Hot butter toast laden with marmalade.

Baked rice pudding.

Forced rhubarb on the shelves

And so a crumble.

A brownie guide memory.

Pourable happiness.

Temporary but valid.

Im unsure what your personal pain is, but there is a lot of pain at present.

Missing vaccination jab.

Forthcoming rent

Vanishing careeer

Diminishing savings.

No fresh air for a long time.

Your opponent isn’t angry at you.

You are merely collateral damage.

Jus for a moment, its 1992 on the terrace at space in ibiza.

Care free, hedonistic.

Now Im older, greyer. Hiding from terms such as comfort care/palliative. Warning messages.

Shortages of bread when the roads freeze over. A tipping point. An interventionist god.

A woman who works in the library says,

 ive got something.

One night she was watching an uplifting film,

Two lines of text come into her head. She said,

Once ive written them down maybe they will leave my head.

They didn’t’.

And so she wrote a poem,

I have every right to feel this way

Bereft

Another woman is talking again.

Face mask on and a pizza. A pizza swapped for eggs.

A child who couldn’t put his thumbs up.

All the neighbours she remembers.

Liz,billy,ken,Michelle, mo,tam, Janos,Jane, Tina, sam, Sophia and oscar.

She’s trying to remember a cold night, and having a fire outside with friends. Of having icicles on your face where your breath hits.

She’s talking about the boxes and boxes of treasures she found on the beach by the river. And how she hasn’t done anything with them, and how she carries them around between houses, she can’t get rid of them.

There are tears in her eyes.

A man enters

Another woman.

Started writing.

She reads a poem.

Anxiety music.

Inky pulp

Silence

A baby cries in the library in a different room.

Someone taps on a keyboard.

The air conditioning hums.

Someone coughs.

A machine beeps books out the door.

Someone is talking about a three bird roast.

A big group of people come in.

I do hope you enjoy crying as much as I did.

I do feel closer to you now.

People are whispering up the back.

A woman needs sugar in her tea.

A man gets up and sits down.

Talks about waking his kids up and taking them to the beach because there was no school the next day.

The stars weret out and in heir reach And Lullabies were sung by the sea.

Life slowed down, a poem about birdsong.

A birdsong as an invitation penned to him.

About the simple wisdom of the song, today has begun and is ours for the knowing.

Stories retold and retold and retold and retold

Dusty caverns.

Memories in someone elses mouth.

The woman that works in the library came back on to read her poems again.

Bereft.

I have every right to feel this way.

Lipstick smudged like a vampire who has just eaten.

See social distancing? That’s pure wrong.

I don’t feel so well.

I cannae breathe.

This is unwritten, unplanned. These are words I think of/remember.

Hands, Wash, Mask, Supermarket, Bread, Briefing, Science- follow the science, Funeral, Stuck, Work, Daily exercise, Covid testing centre, Swab, Two lines, Six people, News, Donald trump, Borisjohnson, Matt Hancock, Rishi sunak, Eat out to help out

Am I missing anything?

Distance, Social distance, Toilet roll, Time, Daughters, Doctors, Zoom, Quiz, Bubble, Vulnerable

Tablets ,pharmacy, prescription, medication, jabs, vaccinations, doctors appointment, none.

Family , Small, Home, Stay at home, Care, Clapping, Government, Public health

24/03/2020 at 18:11

Cheese beer wine tonic coriander garlic tinned tomatoes tomatoes

12/04/2020 16:39

The first lesson a disaster teaches is that everything is connected

16/04/2020 at 19:28

We are not working from home but with home.

29/04/2020 at 00:44

Ariana grande, Angelina jolie, Lynsey Lohan, Claire Danes

19/05/2020 at 13:17

Paint clock dust sheets

24/07/2020

Plan to drive to Ireland.

We can speak in different languages.

I can bring the microphone to you.

Speak or sleep.

She came from Pakistan 8 months ago.

She has a small child.

A positive thing from lockdown is to spend time with family.

A small group of people who came from Ukraine and are learning to speak English.

You are welcome here.

Thank you for coming.