Barren in the aftermath
of a great winter
somber with sadness
through the losses
of closest cherished.

Rocked to the foundations
Institutions and governments
Great powers humbled
as isolation becomes inclusion
sharing
the same fate
with a global pandemic.

Stoic journey
most basic priorities
understood
to nourish
and shelter
washed away
with old and young
indiscriminate
barren in the aftermath.

Sharing
common interests
To live
heart and spirit
mind and body
visceral and innate.

Strong roots
across millennia
evolving
maturing
across the divides
of cultures and peoples
common interests
To survive
Our children and grandchildren
across generations
with continuity
allies and adversaries alike
with humanity.
Inspired by imagination
From Jules Verne
‘If we think it
We can build it’
Science fiction
into reality.
With balance
resilient in the face of change
A peaceful and stable world.

Beyond nationalism
as a civilization
interconnected
across the Earth
remembering the indiscriminate lessons
from world wars
of the 20th century.

Our good fortune
Survival today
has silver linings
In the absence of global conflict
When family ties are renewed
with time and resources
especially digital
bringing us together
all 8 billion
To create.

Planting the seeds now
Sprinkled with triangulation
Education
Research
Leadership
We can awaken Spring
Into a new world
emerging
stretching
opening
Into a Renaissance
With lifelong learning
connections and capacities
thriving with rich diversity
as a garden
for us all
to tend with Hope.