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## **We Lived Happily during The Plague**

—After Ilya Kaminsky

And when they reported the days' death tolls, we

cringed, we wept,  
but mostly, we made time for each other,

we made memes, masks, memories.  
Inside our houses America

hit pause: restaurants emptied and churches livestreamed and classes migrated online—

we washed our hands, we fasted, we slowed down.

In the first month  
of parks closed, states locked down, we stayed off the streets, gloved—

we got takeout, tipped fifty percent, went through drive thrus, bought cappuccinos  
ordered from cars behind us, we (help us)

lived happily during the plague.