

You Are The Editor

Here are the first drafts of verses written by songwriters in the last season of 2020 songwriting. Writers have given permission for their work to be edited and adjusted.

Your mission is to take the material and turn it into a song. The original has five verses (one double length) and a middle eight. The middle eight has a very similar vocal delivery, but slightly different chords. The scanning will work the same.

Each four line section will last eight bars. Your assignment is to create a version with at least four sections, which may be three verses and a middle eight; although you can echo the original structure (five verses, one of which is double length and a middle eight. Altogether that would require seven four line sections).

You can decide if there's an order of ideas that makes sense. You can extend something to be all or mainly your own verses, or include and edit those of other writers. You can adjust and reorder/paraphrase where necessary to improve the scanning if there are too many syllables or if the phrase is too long. You will decide the order of the verses. You may need to cut lines or want to add lines.

Submit your edited lyrics in the submission box.

Option: you can also record yourself singing it. Chords pasted at the end.

Barry Milligan:

Tim Peak Rocket launch, space walk, starry sky
Work from home, all alone, zoom quiz, masks on
Boris Johnson, Matt Hancock, PPE All at sea
Cancel Holidays, Keep safe, Fake news, got the blues

Mexican wall, death toll, trump going, amazon
Retail gone, unemployed, no gigs, sing at home

Zoe Moskal:

TikTok, instagram Facetune, fake news
Facemask, sanitize, uncertain truth, unstable times
FaceTime, Zoom calls, netflix party, covid rules
NHS, sickness, inside in the wilderness

Lockdown, common ground, wartime mentality
On the brink of civil war, loss of rationality

Lara Rosales:

NHS, benefits, furlough, small businesses,
Covid 19, Greta Thunberg, climate change and war;
Taylor Swift, Trump, No-deal, Brexit, Tories, selfishness,
Black Lives Matter suddenly, journalism is dead.

Science and facts left behind, Earth being flat, conspiracies,
talking bullshit of the truth, vaccines with microchips
Wearing masks is an offense to individual freedom,
no respect, no discipline, who cares for dear old Tino.

Nat Wilson

Donald Trump, Rigged elections
Harvey Weinstein, falling pensions
Space travel, Global warming
Bush fires, mosquitos swarming

Black lives matter, Streets on fire
Royal breakups, Loud gunfire
Shops closing, printing money
Boris Johnson Easter bunny

Kim Jong un still alive
Alec Salmond did survive
Foreign Aid, Restaurants closing
Economies are decomposing

Face masks, sport on hold

Chords: there is a very slight variation in the chords on the recording based on what the composite effect is of bass and guitar parts. It's permissible on guitar to consider it G D Em C all the way through except the middle 8.

Choruses

||: G/D | | Em7 | Cadd9 :||

| G/D | | Em7 | Cadd9 |

||: G/D | | G/B | Cadd9 :||

Verses

||: G | D | Em | C :||

Middle 8

||: C | Am | Em | D :||