

“20/20 Hearing”

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Tinnitus rings brightly – Tires
faintly humming in the distance
Morning eerily quiet in Erie
Global silence
Every face is obscured
Tasks, jobs nonessential
Society distances reluctantly – Hospitals
shining humanity; bravery in the gravest times
Essential.
Ear wax in a time of whack,
Rational/Delusional/\$600/Hydrochloroquine
The nurse, the president, the need, the lie.
You can't sensationalize an invisible nemesis-
Virus.
Selfishness grips the psyche – Spoiled.
Nonetheless unemployment,
Evidently depression, recession – The Stock Market?
...George Floyd...
Food banks bankrupt,
Record unemployment,
Look, a stimulus check!
For what?
2020
The graduates,
Screwed and skewed,
Equilibrium abandoned,
Actors scripts stolen.
Election year
Buffoons.
...BLM...
Reopen insanity,
Rush into calamity,
Quarantine,
A spike in cases,
Flatten the curve,
Tinnitus obscured; dull – Tires
loudly whirring all around.
New normal-
Wash your hands with soap for 20 seconds,
Avoid crowds and social distance at least 6 feet...
Or not.