



## Pandemic nights

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The ICU is  
a noisy island  
on a cold night.

Shrilling machines,  
incessant beeps, hissing air,  
through a maze of pipes.

But none of it comes close  
to the sound within:  
a cytokine storm.

Churning with the tides,  
wave after wave,  
a virus on a surfing board.

The wave hits home,  
only to retreat later,  
beyond the horizon.

To make way  
- hopefully -  
for a new day,  
bereft of virus.

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