

*Pandemic Panic*

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I feel this world start falling

Watch the people go insane

Pray to gods I don't believe in

Ask if they still know my name.

I see the stats are climbing

Watch from windows, watch from screens,

Wonder if my expertise is useful

Or just useless little games.

I worry when I wake

I worry when I rest

I worry I won't do enough

Or push the tides too fast.

I feel my friends start slipping

Cling to words that bind us tight

Hope they hear my voice is calling

Keep them safe and sound tonight.

My chest is tight and panicked

My head is clouded, sore

Want to lie and rest forever

Want to feel relief by dawn.

I know I cannot save this world

Can barely save myself  
I just want to know there's hope  
Know there's beauty in this hell.  
I gasp for air, I close my eyes  
But there's not much I can do  
Wait for calm to fill my lungs  
Wait for time to heal the wounds.  
The battles that we fight today  
Are wars to win tomorrow  
But the madness ebbs and flows  
Hurts us more than we could know.  
So wait with me awhile  
Lie and tell me it's okay  
We can't afford to lose our minds  
Until this goes away.