

## Tae A Virus

Twa months ago, we didna ken  
your name or ocht about ye.  
But lots of things have changed since then,  
I really must salute ye.

Yer spreading rate is quite immense,  
yer feeding like a gannet.  
Disruption caused is so immense,  
ye've shaken oor wee planet.

Corona used tae be a beer,  
they garnished it wae limes.  
But noo it's filled us awe wae fear.  
These days are scary times.

Nae shakin hawns or peckin lips,  
it whit they awe advise.  
But scrub them weel, richt tae the tips,  
that how we'll awe survive.

Just stay inside the hoose ye bide  
Nae sneakin oot for strolls.  
Just check the lavvy every hoor  
And stock-take your loo rolls.

Our holidays have been pit aff  
Noo that's the Jet 2 patter

Pit oan yer thermals, have a laugh  
And paddle 'doon the waater'.

Canary isles, no for a while.  
Nae need for suntan cream.  
And awe because o this wee bug  
We ken tae be 19.

The boredom surely will set in  
But have a read, or doodle.  
Or plan yer menu for the month  
Wi 95 pot noodles.

When these run oot, just look about  
A change, it would be nice.  
We've beans and pasta  
By the ton and twenty stane o rice.

So dinny think ye'll wipe us oot  
Aye true, a few have died.  
Bubonic, bird flu and Tb  
They came, they left, they tried.

Ye might be gallus noo, ma freen,  
As ye jump fae cup tae cup  
But when we get oor vaccine made  
Yer number will be up.

*Willie Sinclair 2020*

**Words of hope:** These words by Bishop Ken Untener were read by Peter Miller at the recent funeral of Dr Runa Mackay, one of the great women of Scotland who died recently at 98. Runa who had given her life as a medic to the Palestinian people liked these words which were also valued by Archbishop Romero of El Salvador.

**'It helps now and then, to step back and take the long view. The Kingdom of God is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us. That is what we are about. We plant the seeds that will one day grow. We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realising that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results. We are ministers not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.'**