I was told of the greatest time of life.

It was lauded and heaped with praise!

Yet I was met with an unending strife,

And a year of relentless haze.

To start, it was quiet and lonely.

The death virus made it so.

Then once we finally found normalcy,

Another forced me to go

Into a world of sheer mystery,

One with unending despair.

I was forced to endure misery,

And pain I almost couldn't bear.

Yet now I stand unburdened, unbound from pain and fear.

Like a phoenix reborn, I return to reclaim my lost year.