

## Some Random Poetry

The overall idea was to

1. Fill in the missing letters in the poem, then read them out loud to form letters
2. MARGANA Q T N NE HTIW -> ANAGRAM Q T N NE WITH
3. The Q T N NE should be (randomly) anagramed, one group each, into the phrase at the bottom
4. This clues a famous line from a famous poem

### Step-by-step:

1. Fill in letters

With cases at highs as never before, 2021 started dim,  
But here's what I wrote, a hunt full of puzzles, on a wh\_\_ **IM**  
I picked up new hobbies, in a quarantine cliché,  
Watercolored some flowers, and even tried to croch\_\_ **ET**  
I play with my cat, to try to restore, what's left of my mental energy,  
Lest I lie all day and all night, on my bed in leth\_\_ **ARGY**  
Though it may seem, there isn't much reason to yell yay or hurray,  
All of my friends, and family too, they're healthy and ok\_\_! **AY**  
And although, of jobs I have none, I try not to stew in dismay,  
At least I'll get my vaccine (in a few days) through publix \_\_ M\_\_ **IN AY**  
**IM, AY (crochet), ARGY, AY, IN AY**  
**M A R G A N A**  
**ANAGRAM**

2020, what a year to live through.  
At movies, bars, and clubs, there's no longer a \_\_ **QUEUE**  
I used to commute from Alewife to Braintree,  
But now I work from home. I don't need the \_\_ **T**  
Going inside without masks, now considered a sin,  
Forget going to restaurants, you should only stay \_\_ **IN**  
New year and vaccines, I'll celebrate with Henny,  
I have hopes and dreams, do you have \_\_? **ANY**  
**QUEUE, T, IN, ANY**  
**Q T N NE**

Back aches, feel old \_\_d. **AGE**  
Cup my hot mug, sip some \_\_ **TEA**  
Breathe out, a big s\_\_ **IGH**  
Writing these poems, what a toil and trouble,  
I will not write twice, that'd make my worries \_\_ **DOUBLE --**  
This is the last poem we'll give \_\_, of that I'll make sure. **YOU**  
**AGE, TEA, IGH, DOUBLE-YOU**  
**H T I W**  
**WITH**

### 2. ANAGRAM Q T N NE WITH

THOU HE BALK "REMOVER"

### 3. Q-THOU T-HE N-BALK NE-"REMOVER"

### 4. QUOTH THE BLANK "NEVERMORE"

This is a reference to a famous poem by Edgar Allen Poe,

## Quoth the Raven “Nevermore.”

**The answer is RAVEN**

**Errata:** During hunt, the publix line was changed to “Walgreens (\_\_\_ M\_\_\_)”.

**Notes:** In thinking about writing this puzzle, rhyming was used to clue most of the words, with the exception of the haiku. There, the format of 5/7/5 syllables was used to constrain old \_\_d. However this was not apparent to everyone, and age is not a perfect match for H unfortunately (nothing really is). I also regret the backward spelling, which was an arbitrary obfuscation. To explain, this started as a short throwaway puzzle for weekly meetings (just the Q T N NE). Then the day of (>:D terrible idea) I tried to fix the random anagramming by tacking on more poetry. But the backward spelling caused confusion, and with the amount of poetry I wrote in the end, I could have just written the full cluephrase out...

**Notes on Errata:** The Publix line caused multiple issues, where people who had not heard of Publix, searched it and got “Publix Super Markets.” Meanwhile I did not realize Publix was not the full name 🤖. Overall it was not good to break form and have two separated letters in one line, but was rather caused by bad puzzle writing (wanting to write fewer lines of poetry, then running out of time to redo).

**Notes on Title:** Random was cluing random anagramming (the step involving Q T N NE), as well as the flavor text. However this was quite silly as this hunt is oriented toward beginning puzzlers, who would not know that random anagramming is a trope for puzzle writing!

**Notes to self:**

**Having multiple letters go together to form one word in anagram,**

**Meant that it wasn't clear that Q, T, N, NE should be kept separate for the final part.**

**SOLUTION 24 April 2021**

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**Q T N NE**

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THOU HE BALK "REMOVER"  
**Q-THOU T-HE N-BALK NE-REMOVER**  
**QUOTH THE BLANK NEVERMORE**

**RAVEN**

End solution

Start scratchpad

QUOTH THE **RAVEN NEVERMORE**

// THOU HE BALK "**REMOVER**" N (**D**)

4... BLANK...

**RANDOM = FIVE**. SO I COULD JUST PUT RANDOM IN THERE... OR WITH...

**ANAGRAM = 7**. EWW. minus 1 is 6. Vs 4, but 5 with the final line...well i could remove multiple letters.

(mont)ana, banana

**M.AY, M.AN, HAN.DY**

aNA Gr am WITH

H TI (DOUBLE-U/W)

**M A RG A NA**

Argy? leth/argy

**M (em) A(AY) AR(are) G(gee) A(ay) N(en) A(ay) > EM, ARE, ay, GEE, ay, AN, AY**

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HTI

Writing these poems was a toil and trouble,  
For sure I will not write this puzzle twice, that'd make my worries \_\_,  
This is the last poem we'll give \_\_, of that I'll make sure.

Remove and anagram -> random

raven, the rhyming lines are "lenore o'er yore bore before door more nothing more explore implore floor

THOU HE BALK "REMOVER"

2020 sucked I knew,  
Clubs and bars I saw no \_\_.  
Real life friends I hardly see,  
No more cafe catchup \_\_.  
Inside no masks was a sin,  
Takeout replaced dining \_\_.  
New year spring brings outdoor botany,  
Also hope and vaccines for m\_\_.

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Clubs and bars I saw no \_\_. QUEUE --- Q  
Real life friends I hardly see  
No more cafe catchup \_\_. TEA? -- T  
Inside no masks was a sin,  
Takeout replaced dining \_\_ IN -- N  
COVID messed up lives you see,  
Spring brings vaccines for m\_\_. ??? i could not write this line E? Any -- NE

Spring vaccines bring hallelujah for m\_\_.

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SPOILER

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WARNING

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Answer

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Below

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May be more reasonable: (Or the more reasonable UOTH HE LANK, VERMORE)

Fill in missing words

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Missing words are sounds for letters

QUEUE - Q

TEA - T

IN - N

ANY - NE

One letter for each word

Q-THOU T-HE N-BALK "NE-REMOVER"

Anagrams

QUOTH THE BLANK "NEVERMORE"

This is a quote from the poem "The Raven" by Edgar Allen Poe, the famous line is

Quoth the Raven "Nevermore"

The blank is the answer: RAVEN

Notes:

Not sure if the random anagramming with missing letters is okay. I think Quoth and The sort of indicate that there is anagramming going on, but not sure. I added the anagramming into "THOU HE BALK REMOVER" instead of the simpler "UOTH HE LANK VERMORE" (just removing the first letter of each) seemed too obvious; but is it?

Oooh

BALK should really be LANK ... since everything else is removing the first two letters... maybe? Then I would need two lines, one ending in "Be" or "Bee", instead of the "dining in" right now