

Pandemic Blues Or Clinical Depression

You are what you *tweet*?

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Context

Depression has increased

- Survivors of COVID-19
- Healthcare workers
- Mothers
- General population

Blues (general feelings of sadness) has also increased

- Winter
- Stay-at-home orders



Can we distinguish
the blues from
depression based on
the person's tweets?

Sample Tweets



Mike Bennett-Lee @miike1980 · Jan 3

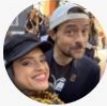


Feeling so emotional right now I have no idea why. Think I need a really good good cry. You know the ones where you literally sob just to get it out of my system [#LivingWithDepression](#) [#MentalHealthMatters](#)



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Jenny @ZombieJenn · Jan 27



I will never take for granted live concerts, performances & festivals again in my life and if I get to attend one in this lifetime... what will not be coming out is my damn cell phone! I miss not watching life through a screen [#pandemicblues](#)

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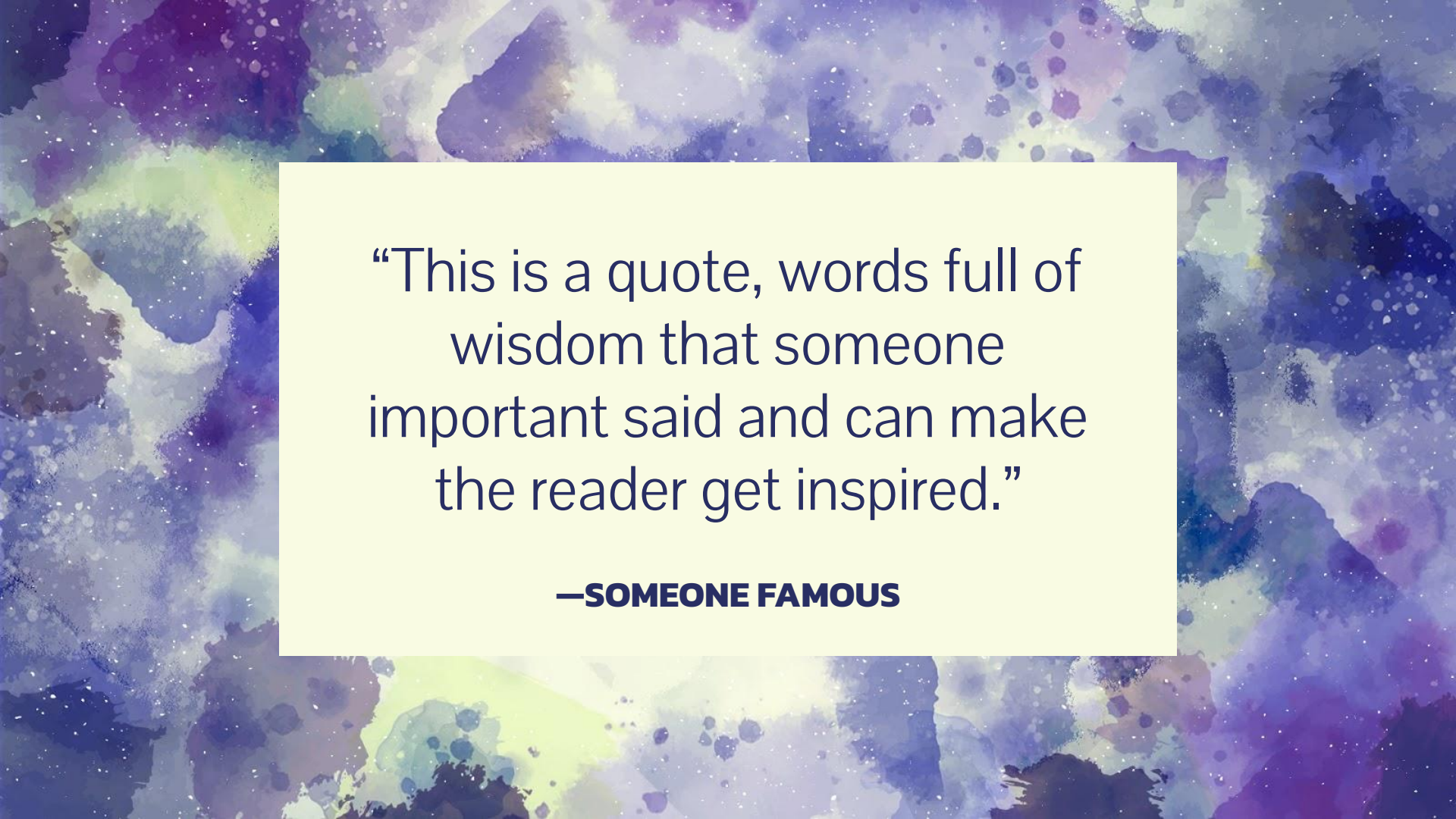
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“This is a quote, words full of
wisdom that someone
important said and can make
the reader get inspired.”

—SOMEONE FAMOUS