

# Hail, Thoothoor Fishermen! If with Covid Pandemic

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Hail, Thoothoor! How noble! You, fishermen  
Horrible ban though made impossible venture  
Impatient to hear was your nature  
When orders given to your attention

At times to people at the helm 5  
You looked very savaged and mean  
Yet you prove the very value you sustain  
No doubt you possess all as you claim

Barrier thus your freedom curtailed  
No history has lesson to utter this 10  
Once well-guarded was your premises  
For long such reign you preserved

New circles made you confined  
Scorching heat brought you head ache  
With no food for the day you can make 15  
The hungry stomach that long remained

New rules further made  
Fish vendors our fisher women  
Desperate would they become then  
Since no fish in markets sold 20

Praise for the wise arrangement  
Church organisation at Thoothoor made  
Its leader in the fore with all aid  
Whose name, Fr.Dall the priest

Markets in every nook and corner 25  
Fish and vegetables sold in abundance  
The people then have a clear access  
No hurdles felt the fishermen

Next in line was the medicine Was it the people's urgent need? Undoubtedly, without which life is hard For the patients ultimate domain	30
 Saw the volunteers' entry A boon to the patients' melancholy Noble mission they seized to joy Plying far and wide to buy faithfully	 35
 In search of tablets and drugs Ceaseless untiring villagers Found no end to hard workers Solace to the waiting patients	  40
 Soon medicines at the door arrived Faces full of smiles forgetting diseases Praises mounted from distant places For the service rendered	
 Over phone as no one in sight For all the hearts the only way When lock down the norm of the day How atrocious the virus to fight!	 45
 To everyone life made terrible At door even no beggar seeking alms Surroundings swamped in bright calms Melancholy string heard but invisible	 50
 No songs of birds on trees To prove human absence The vicinity filled once Took the flight with the breeze	  55
 Restricted entry for the outsider seen No corona does aware people's manners Tilting head made no straight for hours How long have the comrades been?	  60

The atmosphere thus produced the Almighty  
Also search for human here and there  
Horrible days amidst light everywhere  
None to witness the plight steadfastly

Peeping through closed doors and windows 65  
In vogue from morn till night  
Fear filled heart awe fully wait  
That day's result the restless blows

Walks on streets slowly seen  
Once full of men and women 70  
Old and sick with mercy shown  
In search of kith and kin

Owing cruel corona men in pandemic  
Viewing the same they saw the day before  
Neither from east nor west the guests therefore 75  
Host reluctant while remains in panic

Identification seemed difficult  
When appeared one or two  
With mask covered faces for others woe  
Doubtfully the owner for the door left 80

Late at six mobile bell rings  
Hence became the routine work  
Since began the corona check  
Men anxious in all walks

Ear drum damaged as usual 85  
When horn sound penetrates  
On road vehicles' absence  
Equalized thus corona the level

Like birds in cage all put within wall  
Not for the cause their own 90  
Old and aged the condition known  
Under rules laid health official

In Lord's care our exalted villagers  
Panic-stricken the courageous dear  
Why in distress, cried the neighbor 95  
Consoled the helpless showing the manners

Are you cruel really? A few asked,  
To the violent killer and the ravaged invader  
Whose penetration felt everywhere  
Yet tranquility amid flummox prevailed 100

Mike announcements they make  
For all to hear soon to strike  
Like thunderbolt the words in the air  
For the fishermen to clear

Before no one you fishermen bow in fear 105  
Like Israelites do my dear  
Many men here and there tried  
Utter despair the end showed.  
Are you fearful these days?  
When police roam their ways 110  
No harm, although, to you they do  
In to the sea you jump for your woe

How loving you fishermen!  
Who taught you this noble lesson?  
It is spontaneous I presume 115  
The quality you imbibe from womb

Delight! Delight! Mindful of rules  
Despite controlled moves  
Changed attitudes seen in behavior  
Towards better life to lead further. 120

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