

Hail, Thoothoor Fishermen! If with Covid Pandemic

- Dr.A.Sajeen, Thoothoor

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

>----- O -----<