

Is Anyone Out There?

I sit in the garden

In self isolation

While humankind is gripped by a contagion

I look up at the sky

The heavens so high

Pondering over life elsewhere

I'm going into outer space

Would I dare?

My mind wonders above the blue

Haze surrounding this Earth

My mind takes me beyond my place of birth

The blue ocean sinks below me

Between my home land, the English Channel and Irish Sea

As I float in space in my mind

I leave a pandemic world behind

I watch this giant globe shrink to a ball

Is anyone out there to give humankind a call?

I fly towards the stars

The Earth's so far

A tiny blue dot in a dark void

I hurl past Jupiter

And a stray asteroid

The sun, a bright lighthouse

Shining among millions
Dotted throughout empty space
Beyond the solar system
I go deep into this cold, dark place
I fly past stars big and small
Through nebulas,
Clouds of gas and dust
Gigantic and tall
Covers my place of birth
That place we call Earth
Solar winds blow a gust
Pushing me further out
An explosion of suns and dust spread about
Gamma rays start to bust
A brilliant flash
Throwing a violent thrust
With enormous splash
Throws me out of the Milky Way galaxy
Drifting off to a long odyssey
Pushed away from my galactic neighbourhood
The brightest star recedes to a bud
The Milky Way slips away
Luminous specks, shrouded in dusty clouds
Spirals towards a glowing sphere
Other spiral galaxies appear

A crystal ball spills out powerful rays
Within galactic crowds
A Catherine wheel
Showers of sparkly sprays
Watching this whirling disc spin away
Drowned out by clusters of galaxies
The universe stretches to infinity
The Milky Way, reduced to a microbe
I shoot past a space probe
It's sending a beacon to the stars
Telling the universe we're not alone
Will another civilization leave a message after the tone?
The cosmos, a sea of quasars
Self isolation, I can't avoid
In a dark, endless void
Lost among galaxy clusters
Stars, tiny specks of lustre
I've drifted to the far side of the universe
Billions of light years from my place of birth
That place we call Earth