**Now**

(In Gratitude to Mary Evelyn and John in a Time of Global Pandemic)

Now.

Now is the time.

Now that we’ve stopped,

when we’ve been forced to stop.

Now is the time to look at

how we look,

how we see the world,

as a collection of objects\*

for our use,

however we choose,

for our needs,

our wants,

our desires,

our greed.

Nothing has rights but us to be what it’s created to be;

everything goes through us;

it’s ours to use.

But now,

when nature herself has stopped us,

now is the time to look, to really look,

to see life through other eyes,

to know that we are all one,

that we are a communion of subjects\*,

that all depend on all.

Now.

Not when things “get back to normal.”

Normal is over – never again.

Now is the time for new eyes:

eyes of the heart,

eyes of the mind,

to see in a different way, the way it is!

Now is the time to start living

the way it really is.

* Tom Carr

\*Words of Father Thomas Berry