The Great Realization by Tomos Roberts (Tomfoolery)

tell me the one about the virus again
then I'll go to bed
but my boy you're growing weary
sleepy thoughts about your head

please that one's my favorite
I promise just once more
[Music]
Okay, snuggle down my boy
though I know you know full well
the story starts before then
In a world I once would dwell

it was a world of waste and wonder
of poverty and plenty
back before we understood
why hindsight's 2020.

you see the people came up with companies
to trade across all lands
but they swelled and got much bigger
than we ever could have planned

we'd always had our wants
but now it got so quick
you could have anything you dreamed of
in a day and with a click

we noticed families had stopped talking
that's not to say they never spoke
but the meaning must have melted
and the work-life balance broke

and the children's eyes grew squarer
and every toddler had a phone
they filtered out the imperfections
but amidst the noise they felt alone

and every day the skies grew thicker
until you couldn't see the stars
so we flew in planes to find them
while down below we filled our cars

we drive around all day in circles
we'd forgotten how to run
we swapped the grass for tarmac
shrunk the parks till there were none

we filled the sea with plastic
because our waste was never capped
until each day when you went fishing
you'd pull them out already wrapped
and while we drank and smoked and gambled
our leaders taught us why
it's best to not upset the lobbies
more convenient to die

but then in 2020 a new virus came our way
the governments reacted and told us all to hide away

but while we all were hidden
amidst the fear and all the while
the people dusted off their instincts
they remembered how to smile

they started clapping to say thank you
and calling up their mums
and while the car keys gathered dust
they would look forward to their runs

and with the skies less full of voyages
the earth began to breathe
and the beaches bore new wildlife that
scuttled off into the seas

some people started dancing some were singing
some were baking
we'd grown so used to bad news
but some good news was in the making

and so when we found the cure
and were allowed to go outside
we all preferred the world we found
to the one we'd left behind

old habits became extinct
and they made way for the new
and every simple act of kindness
was now given its due

but why did it take a virus
to bring the people back together
well sometimes you've got to get sick my boy
before you start feeling better

now lie down and dream of tomorrow
and all the things that we can do
and who knows if you dream hard enough
maybe some of them will come true

we now call it the great realization
and yes since then there have been many
but that's the story of how it started
and why hindsight's 2020