Colleagues in a Dark Time

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I am alone in crowded rooms
But not with you
Life rafts in an ignorant sea
We commune in disbelief and despair
I check on you
You check on me
Neither of us ok
But still standing
And breathing, masked.

I listen, wordless
Then offer small comforts
While dreaming of our reinvention
We are forever changed
Together
We breathe
We stand, masked but not unseeing
In the light of the dawn.

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