

Description

The Pandemic, the Lock-down and the Student Midwife: a poem



I came to the realisation that it is not too late to follow my dream, and I am certainly not too old to learn something new. I have a passion for helping people, particularly women, and a keen interest in what the human body can do, particularly during pregnancy and childbirth. Where I come from originally, it is not uncommon for women to die during childbirth. I want to make a difference in this area. I have had the privilege of working with traditional birth attendants in rural communities in Northern Nigeria. My

mother-in-law was a midwife and midwifery educator, and my father was a philanthropist who made a vast contribution to healthcare provision in poverty-stricken areas. I see myself as a combination of these two inspirational people. I want to facilitate positive birth experiences for women. It is my wish to be able to educate others on safer childbirth practices, in a bid to ultimately prevent future generations of childbearing women from dying from preventable causes, during the truly extraordinary yet fundamental life event that is childbirth.



I dreamed,

I waited,

I planned and anticipated,

The start of great things.

I bought books,

I bought pens,

I bought shoes for placement.

Excited and elated,

I waited to start,

And then they announced it,

They shut the schools down.

And now we're held hostage,

confined to our homes,

This awful virus,

Has locked the world down.

I WhatsApp,

I email,

I chat on the phone,

This is my contact,

With those whom I love.

I cursed it,

I denied it,

I said it wasn't true,

I never anticipated it would turn out like so,

That I would go to uni,

But from the confines of my home.

I'm hoping,

I'm praying,

And between these four walls,

I'll help fight this Covid,

I'll help win this War.

I'm hiding,

It's seeking,

But I won't let it in,

I've waited so long,

And this dream I'll fulfill.

I'll learn about babies,

And how women birth,

I'll learn about dilation,

I'll pass this great test.

I'm full of determination,

I'll push till I win,

This my new normal,

This is how it shall be.

And from these four walls,

A midwife shall emerge.



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