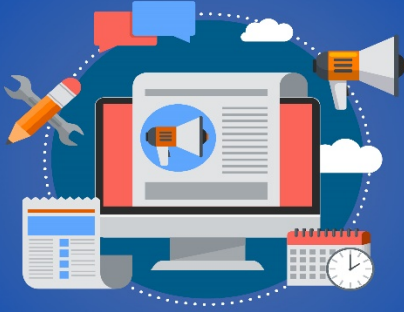


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## My Lifelong Lockdown Adventure

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Associate Prof,  
Late Laxhmibai Deshmukh,  
Mahila Mahavidhyalaya  
Parli, Vaijanath.

I chanced to meet Alice at Wonderland,  
Sipping away happily at the Tea Party Stand.  
Learning to make dew drops was a delicate task,  
Trained by tinkerbells in her very famous basque.

Fearing the wolfs and gathering berries in the Wood,  
Along with the Lass and the little Red Riding Hood.  
Again, I chanced to meet Snow White and the dwarfs,  
Waiting for her prince, singing and waving her scarfs.

My journey was endless to remote and faraway places,  
With Alladin as my guide and the flying carpet races.  
My travel to multiexcursions, multilevels and all kind,  
Taught me to explore the hidden recesses of my mind.

I told Alice and Snow White I too had performed a difficult task,  
During my cancer treatment when I always wore a mask.  
The more I laughed hiding my sufferings and telling lies,  
The more the pain reflected in my dear ones eyes.

Life had become standstill and appeared to stop,  
A lifelong lockdown with a large fullstop.  
My bald head and weak body did not bother anybody,  
My near ones rejoiced when I spoke to everybody.

The many months of heavy treatment increased patience in me,  
A preparation of the corona lockdown span's magic key.  
Fight with cancer is tedious, the disease being mighty,  
Can be overcome only with the grace of the Almighty.

Confined to home in corona lockdown is a measure of safety,  
It is better to take precaution than fight the disease entity.  
Social distancing, using mask, sanitizing and washing hands,

Far better than chemotherapy which took me to remote lands.

Now time to cheer and pretty dreams to share,  
With near and dear ones and friends who care.