**The Rainbow Children**  
  
The history books will talk of now,  
That time the world stood still.  
When every family stayed at home,  
Waved out from windowsills-  
At those they loved but could not hold,  
Because they loved them so.  
Yet, whilst they did they noticed all the flowers start to grow.  
  
The sun came out, they can recall,  
And windows, rainbows filled.  
They kicked a football in their yards,  
Until the night drew in.  
They walked each day but not too close,  
That time the world stood still.  
When people walked straight down the roads,  
That once the cars did fill.  
  
They saw that people became ill,  
They knew the world was scared.  
But whilst the world stood still they saw,  
How much the whole world cared.  
They clapped on Thursdays from their doors,  
They cheered for the brave.  
For people who would risk their lives,  
So others could be saved.  
  
The schools closed down, they missed their friends,  
They missed their teachers so.  
Their Mam’s and Dad’s helped with their work,  
They helped their minds to grow.  
The parents used to worry that,  
As schools were put on hold,  
Their children wouldn’t have the tools,  
They’d need as they grew old.  
  
But history books will talk of them,  
Now adults, fully grown.  
Those little boys and girls back then,  
The ones who stayed at home.  
They’ll tell you that they fixed this world,  
Of all they would fulfil.  
The RAINBOW children building dreams,  
They’d dreamed whilst time stood still

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