

Happy Birthday!

I'm not sure how good a predictor I'll be
But, on my 60th birthday I'm sensing
We're sliding into a period of CAOS.

The news tonight led with rioting over racial injustice
Frenzied buying from folks newly released from quarantine.
Radical violence from the right and the left
Race baiting from the President

Minnesota and Wisconsin call out the National Guard
And we're the "nice" states, right?
Partiers say if you don't want to see people without masks
"Stay home!"

Sorry, but I'm concerned my son, due back soon
From three months of National Guard training
Will be deployed before he has a chance to even see
The young woman he loves

She, too, has been serving alone these last three months
A nurse in a hospital emergency room.

Bruce Neeb, May 30, 2020