

## A Significant Thing Pentecost 2020

At Easter we met God's compassion  
From the cross His love was unfurled;  
At Easter we met God's compassion  
On the mess we have made of his world;  
At Easter we met God's compassion;  
We saw there a significant thing.

Now we've been fifty days under lockdown,  
Kept our neighbours two metres apart;  
Now we've been fifty days under lockdown,  
And we're itching to make a fresh start,  
But we've still got more time under lockdown:  
Where is now that significant thing?

Well, today it is Pentecost morning:  
Feel the wind; see the flames there ablaze.  
Hear again Simon Peter's warning  
That it's time that we changed our ways.  
So now that it's Pentecost morning,  
Is that, too, a significant thing?

We meet here a God who empowers us  
With His Holy Spirit's gifts  
Which we see in those doctors and nurses\*  
As they work through their night long shifts.  
We meet here the God who empowers us  
To achieve a significant thing.

He empowers us to tear down the walling  
That keeps people from people apart;  
He empowers us to stop the name calling  
And a standing ovation impart  
To people we once thought appalling.  
That would be a significant thing!

So we praise now our Father's compassion,  
We give thanks for the love of his Son,  
We unite in the Spirit's procession,\*\*  
With the Father and Son, Three in one.  
For to give that its fullest expression  
Is our final significant thing.

Veni, Creator Spiritus/Come, O come, Holy Spirit, Come

\*Mention is made here of 'doctors and nurses', (naturally - and because it gives us a rhyme of sorts!) but think also of other important people - carers, bus drivers, dustmen, couriers & c - putting themselves in harm's way to keep life ticking over for the rest of us.

\*\* Check out the Nicene Creed.