WFH | Your work-from-home haiku submissions

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Faculty and staff are continuing to find inspiration and tap into their creativity in this work-from-home environment? whether it's adapting to teaching classes online or finding some humor and levity in a complicated situation.

Just as you did when we asked for happy news [1], work-from-home tips [2] and pictures of your home offices [3], kids and pets [4], you came through when we asked you for haiku exploring Zooming, working from home and home schooling.

You'll see some familiar themes in these poems, along with a few new ones, including working in pajamas, finding balance through nature, and appreciating commute-free days.

Find your inner peace by reading dozens of submissions from your colleagues in all of their 17-syllable glory. And for more perspective on how people can turn a stay-at-home atmosphere into an opportunity for artistic creativity, read this UANews article [5].

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<td>Hallway ? at Rush Hour!</td>
<td>When can we return?</td>
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**Karena Nespoli**
Home-schooling the kids

Human Resources Representative
I now see, teachers need more

Department of Medicine
Appreciation

Zoom meetings all day,

Kids are arguing
Faces in boxes. Welcome

Dogs barking, husband on phone
To the Brady Bunch

Where are my headphones?!
Feeling so alone

Roll out of the bed
Co-workers are far away

Check the mirror, all OK
I miss Nerf gun wars

Time for my next Zoom!
Lots of morning walks
Although life is disrupted
Good time together

Debbie Claggett
Is your Zoom frozen?
Or is that a GIF of you
Pretending to nod?

Nick Prevenas
Everyday I work
At home until at least five
And then I have wine

Maya Patterson
extra bedroom workspace next,
kind of miss downtown.
Sacred library
in extra bedroom space is
now the home office.

Quarantine hair length
Fostering insanity
Solution: No hair!
My dogs sleep a lot,
but are tied to the start of
each Zoom meeting, woof!

Jennifer Priest Mitchell
Running through my Zoom meeting?
Oh wait, they are mine
Our cats and our dogs
Do not understand why they
Cannot be on Zoom
My kids burst into the room
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<td>In PJs or sweats,</td>
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<td>A virtual Monet garden</td>
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<td>In breakout rooms and</td>
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<td>Students still make friends</td>
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<td>Their school, my school, work.</td>
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<td>But I can still spell.</td>
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<td>Heidi Quist</td>
<td>Graduate Assistant</td>
<td>Department of French and Italian</td>
<td>Helping with homework.</td>
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<td>Mom still rocks geometry.</td>
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Take that, teenage sons!

Bloopers and hiccups
Lunching on my couch
Spotty video and sound
Dog waiting for tasty snacks
Just smile. It’s okay!
Drooling on my floor

Working from afar
Amy Warren
Our resilience is tested
Administrative Assistant
Yet we persevere!
Department of Spanish and Portuguese

Meg Cota
Assistant Professor of Practice
DRIP DRIP COFFEE NOW
Educational Policy Studies and Practice
ZOOM ZOOMS ALL DAY LONG IT SEEMS
KIDS SCREAMING? HELP ME

the daily commute
Megan Eagon
even that I seem to miss
Manager, Ticketing
but not enough though
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focus through a new scope
once was quite invisible
Plugged in life all day
is now obsession
Beep Ping Bubble Ding Ring Buzz
Technology Loop

revolving seasons
flipping through calendar days
Sam Eagon
time is now fluid
Technical Director
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springing from social
to summertime distancing
evolving in fall
Three months, hard pursuit.
No Suit. No Rest. And no Hair
thousand one steps round
spring I won’t hold tight.
twelve hundred sixty one feet
convenient comfort
Extrovert cooped up.
If retirement’s like this,
Andrea Lawyer
Yep, I will be bored.
Coordinator, Employee Services
Research, Innovation & Impact
Thomas O. McDonald
Chief of Staff
Office of Business Affairs
My kids redefine
?lap-top,? Sorry my email
Read: hhjj
Is this home schooling?
I think more like home zooing.
Other essential
Ugh, pay teachers more.
Workers: Elmo, Peppa pig
Working mom heroes
Write po-ems from home?
Well, only when it is dark.
Leona Davis
My tears? Lyrical.
Events and Programs Coordinator
Confluencenter for Creative Inquiry
Andy DuMont
Director of Communications
Executive Office of the President
Through the glass ? a hawk
Nature penetrates Zoom call
A spray of feathers
I begin speaking
Everyone looks on, blankly
Cheryl Gerken
Forgot to unmute
Educational Outreach Coordinator
Arizona Public Media
LQP haiku
I try and try, but alas
I’m out of syllab
No alarms since March
Hoping to eat out again soon
Andy Ober
Assistant Director, News
University Communications
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<td>To get to work</td>
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Where does my head go the lost connection
Cat is smiling guiltily

I have the best zoom in and zoom out
Coworkers and office mates
Two cats and a dog Disturbing my writing
Someone tries to blind me

**Nancy Tepper**
Sun at the horizon
Garden Kitchen Instructional Specialist
Pima County Cooperative Extension

**Ruslan Rafikov**
Associate Professor of Medicine
Department of Medicine

What is happening?
Learn, accept and find balance
See the world anew The cat at my feet.
The Rincons out my window.

**Erin K. Deely**
Here I sit, working.
Director of Recruitment
College of Science

**Cassie Walker**
Prospect Research Analyst
Development Services

I've always wondered,
can meetings be an email?
We're finding out now! Gila Monster stroll
Love my Sonoran Desert

**Scott G. Skinner**
Working-from-home views
Applications Systems Analyst
Developer, Principal
University Information Technology Services

**Betsy Wilkening**
Education Outreach Coordinator
Water Resources Research Center

Morning routine same
Office has changed now What happened to Spring?
Waiting for what's next Wish it could begin again
Margie Puerta Edson
Senior Director of Development and Alumni Relations
College of Engineering
With no Pandemic
Gazing at the door
Not missing the morning rush
But I do miss you

Nancy Rash
Another day home
Discovering Great things
I never had time for
I don't miss the ride.
No traffic is the best part
Saving stress and earth
Financial Services Specialist
Financial Services | Payroll
A day without sun
Spring blossoms blister
Electric breeze bears no scent

Susanna Eden
My grandson is here
Working on studies and music
My home filled with joy
I'm home every day to play
The cat ? not so much
Assistant Director
Water Resources Research Center
Glowing faces watch
Bright song from sole cardinal
New industry glints

Tovi Ballesteros
Associate Accountant
Zoom is the new norm

Dietlinde B. DuPlessis
Kindness and love abound
Thinking of others is key
We?ll all be stronger
Sound is cutting out
Video is way too dark
Planning, Design and Construction Communications Specialist
Lowell Institute for Mineral Resources

Stay out of harm’s way
Zoom is not the same for me A full day of work
I miss my Wildcats in my pajamas. How nice!
Less laundry to do.

Amy Selegue
Program Coordinator, Senior Roy Goodman
University of Arizona Cancer Center Administrative Associate

Student Behavioral Education Housing and Residential Life

Forced working from home
Was not in my arrangement
But it is working No quiero pensar
Ay, el virus, el virus
Working in pjs Déjame en paz!
Avoid the zoom camera
No hair styling done I don’t want to think
Oh, the virus, the virus.

Carol Stuehm
Clinical Research Coordinator Get off my planet!
Department of Medical Imaging Quieres regresar
a la Universidad,
Avoid the zoom camera
Must work from home now
But the fridge is so empty You want to come back
eating grilled cheese again to the university
take care already!

Kevin Ricotta
Systems Administrator II Arlene Islas
Office of Student Computing Resources Video Communications Manager
University Communications
Mailman strolls up walk
dog stirs, hackles rise — quick now!
but the fridge, it is right there
cold treats seduce me

My deadline is nigh
where’s the mute button?

URL chains link
colleagues meeting by meeting
Through our Zoomiverse

Kyle Mittan
Communications Specialist
University Communications

Christine Seliga
Library Operations Supervisor
University Libraries