Don’t listen to them
The voices that say
you will be able to work
At home
The same way you work
At your cubical
In your office
Safe in the walls of infrastructure
Built around you
Brick and mortar that divides
The privileged
From the heroes
Who are just now being called
Essential
Because this has changed us
Will continue to change us
But we have trained for this
We who know the power of a we
We who will not let the fists of policy
Beat the faces of the invisible
We know how to link arms across this city
We have implanted ourselves in this city
On the streets
In the high rises
On the 5th floor
We have been training for this
And this is not a drill
This is another battle in this long war
To shake off the individual
To cement ourselves in community
To protect those who make our lives
What they are
Without a living wage
Without sick days
Without retirement
Without acknowledgement
we are sounding the alarm
Business as usual is done
Normal was never normal
We are activating
In all the ways we know how
And in some ways we have never dreamed
And we will be weary
And we will ache
For the people we can not save
And for time we can not recoup
And we are allowed
To bend a little
Because we don’t break
To rest a little
Because we give more than we take
To pause a little
Hope a little
And be human a lot
We will lend each other strength
Lend each other peace
We will lend each other love
So we can return to the trenches
We will find our way out of this
Through this
Together
Leading with love

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