

Zooming with Thoreau

Now that the Zoom window is more secure
would you join us in a video chat tomorrow at noon
to give advice on social isolation and
 maybe some mention of civil disobedience too

You can sit on your chosen pumpkin
in front of that little cabin in the woods and
show us the latest spring flowers
 that grow on the shores of Walden Pond

Can you tell us how to *live deliberately*
Does it really take two years and two months of
living in the woods to *learn what it [nature] had to teach*
 and to *discover we had not lived* until then

Does it matter that we are in our comfy homes, apartments
The *essential facts of life we front* are not the same as yours
Did you hoard toilet paper and cans of beans under your bed
 What do you mean by *stay at home and mind our business*

Not a fan of the news, you listened to bullfrogs
and whippoor-wills to get your daily updates
While we have a lying Fox and talking heads
 in our living rooms circling both day and night

Can you teach us how to *live deliberately*
when all we know is *chance* and *frittering*
Where everyday we sit upon our velvet cushions
 watching nonsense like Tiger King or Cooking Shows

Please join us tomorrow, share your insight
How do we *live deliberately* when nature
holds us hostage in our tiny cabins where
 time seems more than *the stream you go fishing in*