



# A Thank You Poem – by Paul Collins



## An Ode to Zooming While Transforming How We Dance

While zoom dancing does not the real thing replace;  
That real thing being dancing face-to-face;  
Some of us can hardly keep up the pace.

While many of our “real” dance venues remain shuttered;  
Consider the many unintended outcomes we’ve uncovered;  
And the amazing people, places, things that we’ve discovered.

We’re now dancing more often than we ever did before;  
And that does wonders for the spirit and what’s more;  
We’re more energized by possibilities on the virtual dance floor.

Initially, the concept of online dancing may have conjured up all sorts of fears;  
Now we dance and talk again with folks we’ve not seen for many years;  
It does reinvigorate the spirit and soul to reconnect with such peers;

And moreover, with the barriers to time and distance we’re now breaking;  
That result in new-found learnings, experiences and friendships we’re making;  
To define how we integrate new and old forms of dance in the future, is ours for the taking.

