

# An At the Ocean Order

**Mackenzie Walker**

Stay Home, Stay Safe,  
We have all been directed.

No school, no contact,  
Friends only on Tik Tok.

Loneliness is like the ocean,  
it comes in waves,  
ebbing and flowing,  
like the tide at Owens Beach.

Sometimes, this time right now  
Feels calm, like smooth water  
That looks like glass;  
But other times,  
It is too overwhelming to me.

Thank goodness as the sun shines,  
I cruise along the water on my bike,  
looking out at the water,  
breathing in fresh air.

I see the harbor seals,  
they are fishing for salmon;  
they are in groups, probably family and friends,

Do they know about COVID-19?

Seals probably don't,  
But they do know when their ocean is sick,  
sick with garbage and pollution.

When the stay at home order is lifted,  
Our At the Ocean Order will be:  
Take care of ourselves,  
Take care of each other,  
Take care of our Oceans.