

Not weak

if I need a hug to keep me going right now  
we broke the rules but I had to  
feel the weight of your arms  
I'm not fragile for crying in public  
having trouble sleeping because of panic  
the uncertainty of how long this is  
our new normal  
I didn't realize how much solace I take  
in knowing what comes next  
having a schedule  
believing I have control over the world

will you stay socially distant from me?  
separate ourselves to stay well  
memory of normalcy  
(what's public anymore  
streets cleared of cars, parks empty)  
6 feet — just distant enough  
to stop the spread of virus  
use a napkin to press the elevator button  
move aside for others on the sidewalk  
physical distancing  
avoiding you to protect you