

TY OF PORTSMOUTH



UPDATE from the City Manager for Sunday, May 31, 2020

Governor Sununu's "Stay At Home 2.0" order extended through June 15, 2020.

Number of COVID-19 deaths, to date, in the US 105,979, in NH 242.

In the Mourning

We wake every morning in mourning.
It has brought us all together, finally,
as one united grieving people.

We may not mourn in the same ways.
We may not mourn for the same things.
How could we? There is so much to mourn.

Hundreds of thousands dead,
those in the process of dying,
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Lives lost, jobs lost, comforts lost.
Yet all is not lost. Not yet.
Collective grief galvanizes.

We rise. Every morning. All of us.
Step out into the bright light,
see what might not have been

visible before.
Though it was there all along.
A silent snake, basking in the sun.

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