5-7 year runner-up

Coming out of the house
Opening the door
Running towards my friends
Over the fields
Not having to stay in the house
Around to grandma's I can go
Very happy to be free
Indoor play areas we can go
Relief it's over
Up all night having a sleepover
Starting life again

8-11 runner-up

Hugs

It's a spectacular thing, what they can do
They can cheer you up when you are blue
Just a huge heartfelt hug, shows someone you care.
You can give one anytime, to anyone anywhere!
Covid has stolen, our freedom to hug friends,
It's been too long, I can't wait till it ends.
Lockdown has proven that hugs are a big deal,
But hopefully soon we can all hug for real.
So for now, here's a virtual hug from me
Until restrictions ease and we are again – free!

Staff runner-up

Covid Town

The bloomin' virus is bloomin rife
Got me bloomin' brother, me bloomin' wife
The bloomin' pubs are locked down tight
For bloomin' bog roll we had to fight
The bloomin' country's on its bloomin' knees
A bloomin' cough, a bloomin' sneeze
The virus lurks all around
Its bloomin' Covid Town

The bloomin' schools are bloomin' bare
A dusty laptop kids have to share
The bloomin' kids in front of screens
The bloomin' mates not bloomin' seen
The bloomin' mums teaching bloomin' maths
The kids wishing they are in bloomin' class
But a keyworker can't be found

It’s evidently Covid Town

Bloomin’ nana’s wave from afar
Nowhere to drive in your bloomin’ car
The queue at Aldi goes for bloomin’ miles
Bloomin’ joggers are the bloomin’ style
Bloomin’ skype and bloomin’ zoom
The bloomin’ webcam in the spare room
Bloomin’ laundry in the background
It’s bloomin’ Covid Town

To see a smile’s a bloomin’ task
Cos everyone’s in a bloomin’ mask
The bloomin’ place is in a bloomin’ muddle
Everyone in need of a bloomin’ cuddle
Bloomin’ social distance to be kept on track
Each conversation involves an awkward step back
Look at the markers on the ground
It’s evidently Covid Town

Soon we’ll be done with bloomin’ isolation
As elders get the bloomin’ vaccination
The bloomin’ masks left at bloomin’ home
The bloomin’ country we can roam
Just to pop out for a bite to bloomin’ eat
A family meal, a bloomin’ friendly meet
The bloomin’ kids can bloomin’ play
The bloomin’ virus gone away
No mask hiding a bloomin’ frown
We’re leaving Covid Town