

The pandemic graduate

First came the fire, then came the hail,
Then came the virus, as if from a biblical tale,
You were helpless but put your head down,
As the virus ravaged town after town,
You studied more than you drank or you ate.
Look back now, today, as you graduate,
You lost someone, and I am sorry for your loss,
Your heart and Even your mental health went for a toss,
You decided to fight and fight them all,
By studying within the walls of Toad Hall,
You put up a smile and studied all night,
Even when your heart wished the loved one's sight,
You spoke to your mates and made a lot,
The more love you gave, the more you got.
You are a fighter, bigger than your grades dictate,
You are the strongest, You are a pandemic graduate.



Photo of Toad Hall, and the other photo is of Ganaraj and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International Strategy) and ANU Dean of Law, Prof Sally Wheeler OBE, at our recent Graduation Dinner.