

**were we in this together, we would not be in this together**  
(A work-in-progress)

in this together

are we

where together was

never

in this together

of doll house condos

at millionaire prices

rocketing rents

that never return to

in this together

where there are banks for food

and banks of money for those

who have too much

and care too little

in this together where rents

corral the young, the poor, the worker

into small

smaller

the smallest of rooms at prices

that have taken flight—

nor was in this together present in gently

gentrifying neighbourhoods

corporate welfare

and bank bailouts

in this together

of boil-water advisories  
grassy narrows\* and forked-tongue treaties  
in this together of fracking the earth  
in this together of drill baby drill  
in this together of the burning amazon  
in this together of the melting arctic  
in this together of the death of coral reefs  
how are we in this together

in this together  
of the hold was  
                where  
self found we  
in this together of song  
that sang of being  
in this together  
while the blue orb spins  
                silent  
gently gliding on its  
ellipsis as in this  
together we together were  
never  
not  
                in this together

\*Between 1962-1970 the people of Asubpeeschoseewagong (Ojibwe) or Grassy Narrows First Nation were poisoned through their water by a pulp and paper mill located in their community. They have not yet received adequate compensation.