Thank You, Covid Patricia Rinkenberger, Illinois

See a friend.
Be a friend.
She is a friend.
Meet a friend.
We are friends!

Today I hugged a real person!
We had only met via zoom
On a little screen.
Square boxes filled with new faces,
Ideas to share,
Minds to explore,
How do they think?
What are their experiences?
What can I learn?

Over time they became
Familiar faces with
Similar dreams,
Shared experiences,
More than acquaintances,
Comfortable,
Kind,
Caring.

Thank you, Covid,
For opening up the world to me
In a way I never expected.
When I could no longer physically tour the world I met people from around the world
Who enriched my life,
Fed my soul,
And helped me grow.

Today I met a dear
DKG zoom friend in the flesh.
Screens are great.
In person is better.
She is my friend!