The Twelve Months of COVID

Teaching and Research in the Pandemic

*sung to a familiar holiday tune*

by

Professor [Insert your name here]
In the 1st month of COVID the university

Shut down totally
In the 2nd month of COVID the school sent home to me

Two cheery children

And we're shut down totally
In the 3rd month of COVID Fauci gave to me

Three rules to live by

Two cheery children

And we're shut down totally
In the 4th month of COVID my courses gave to me

Four frazzled freshman

Three rules to live by

Two cheery children [ .... well maybe not quite?]

And we're shut down totally
In the 5th month of COVID summer gave to me

Five days of REST!

Four frazzled freshman

Three rules to live by

Two cheery children

And we're shut down totally
In the 6th month of COVID the department granted me

Six TA's grading

Five days of REST!

Four frazzled freshman

Three rules to live by

Two cheery children

And we're shut down totally
In the 7th month of COVID spring semester gave to me

Seven silent seniors

Six TA's grading

Five days of REST!

Four frazzled freshman

Three rules to live by

Two cheery children

And we're shut down totally
In the 8th month of COVID Spectrum sent to me

Eight internet outages

Seven silent seniors

Six TA's grading

Five days of REST!

Four frazzled freshman

Three rules to live by

Two cheery children

And we're shut down totally
Now we divide by 3

In the 9th month of COVID November gave to me

Ninety days of chaos

Three rules to live by

And we're shut down totally
Time for an arithmetic progression!

In the 10th month of COVID Texas gave to me

10,000 daily cases

Eight internet outages

Six TA’s grading

Four frazzled freshman

Two cheery children

And we're shut down totally
In the 11th month of COVID collaborators emailed me

11 cancelled conferences

We're still shut down totally

(Eleven is prime after all!)
February
Thursday, December 10, 2020  9:45 AM

In the 12th month of COVID Pfizer promised me

12 weeks 'til my vaccine

11 cancelled conferences

10,000 daily cases

Ninety days of chaos

Eight internet outages

Seven silent seniors

Six TA's grading

Five days of REST!
Four frazzled freshman

Three rules to live by

Two cheery children

And we'll open soon! .......Surely?