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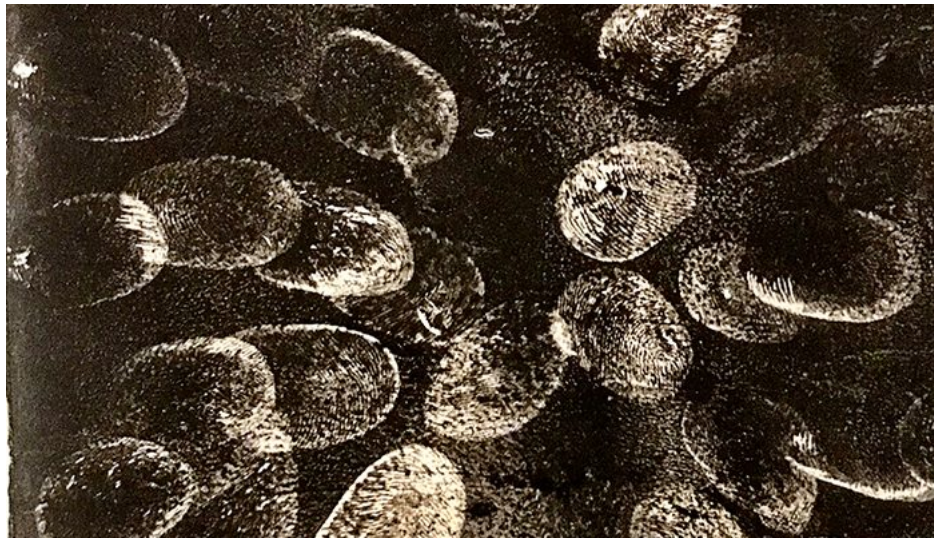


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Corona virus, corona virus, corona virus
You cannot see it, or hear it or feel it,
And then it has you, it holds you, it hugs you, it crushes you.

My sister is dying.

I wait

I wait

I wait

I am a key worker, I must work, and help my families and I do,
I am a course lead, I must work and help my students and I do,
I must do even more than I was doing before, and I do.

My sister is dying,

I wait

I wait

I wait

I am a black woman who works and works
I am a black woman I listen and listen
to them, talk about me, talk about my kind
telling us that we are much more likely to die from this disease

My sister is dying,
I wait
I wait
I wait

My load is heavy, and the pain runs deep in my veins
My face only shows what is expected
My face shows what I have learnt to reflect out to the world

My sister is dying.
I wait
I wait
I wait

My sister lives, Corona has set her free
And instead a black man is dead
George Floyd

I am a black woman
I want to live and breathe and hope
Yet the disease of racism is in the air
And then it has you, it holds you, it hugs you, it tries to crush you.

Black lives matter
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