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Ajay, Remy, Katy, Brendon,
Lucy, Miley, and Shannon:

hopeful

HEAVY

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Then, I think of those who never had those opportunities to begin with. So many high-school seniors never get to go to prom. Maybe due to being too poor or perhaps they are too old.

See that silver lining

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around the world

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roof over your head

socks on your feet

May you see this time as one of reflection. We will recover, but we won't ever be the same. Yet, we have one another. We have the ability to create change and give hope. We have the privileges of education and hot meals. Comfy beds and water. Take this time to love yourself. So be grateful for life and what you have to offer—and for each of us that calling is different. So practice social distancing.

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