

# **The Upsides**

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Maybe there are two sides to every quarantine.  
Both are possible; both are there.  
The question is  
Which do we choose to live.

In one side,  
Boredom creeps in.  
YouTube and Netflix are your only two friends.  
Board games and sneakers are left untouched.

Then there's the other:  
Suddenly the piano is so much more interesting.  
If there's nothing to do, might as well go on a run,  
Or read that book that you never finished.

Thoughts of normality  
Are farther away  
When you hike up a mountain  
Or sketch your reluctant sibling.

Opportunities arise; opportunities are lost.  
You can decide which is true  
In all situations.  
There are two sides to every quarantine.