

Love in the time of coronavirus:

COVID has made me stupid

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Good books line my shelves, but I don't read them.

Three sentences in and my mind wanders off

like a toddler in search of a snack. I stuff

her full of junk food—hours of CNN,

the Cuomo Boys, the president who pretends

to be the president while the rest of us

look away. Other offal she devours,

*Culture Vulture*, the *New York Times*, hours

after hours. She is starved and getting fat

on Facebook, Twitter, and Google Chat.

She Zooms all day on an empty tank.

Who do I blame for this, who do I thank

for ruining a perfectly fine brain?

I'll never write a poem again.