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A person is a person through other persons; you can't be human in isolation; you are human only in relationships. --Desmond Tutu

### **Social Distance: A Community-Style Poem**

In the early weeks of the pandemic last year, "NPR asked listeners to respond to art with a poem -- a style of poetry called ekphrastic. For inspiration, Kwame Alexander, NPR's poet in residence, selected two paintings: Kadir Nelson's Heatwave and Salvador Dali's Young Woman At A Window. Both show women inside looking longingly out into the world. The paintings struck a chord with those experiencing the global coronavirus pandemic quarantined inside. We received more than 1,300 submissions. Alexander took lines and excerpts from some of the submissions and created a crowdsourced, community poem of hope." Check it out [here](#).

### **Be The Change:**

Whether you consider yourself a poet or not, try writing a haiku (or other form of verse) on your experience of social distancing.