

## Some Random Poetry - SOLUTION

The overall idea was to

1. Fill in the missing letters in the poem, then read them out loud to form letters
2. MARGANA Q T N NE HTIW -> ANAGRAM Q T N NE WITH
3. The Q T N NE should be (randomly) anagrammed, one group each, into the phrase at the bottom
4. This clues a famous line from a famous poem

### Step-by-step:

1. Fill in letters

With cases at highs as never before, 2021 started dim,  
But here's what I wrote, a hunt full of puzzles, on a wh \_\_\_\_. **IM**  
I picked up new hobbies, in a quarantine cliché,  
Watercolored some flowers, and even tried to croch \_\_\_\_. **ET**  
I play with my cat, to try to restore, what's left of my mental energy,  
Lest I lie all day and all night, on my bed in leth \_\_\_\_. **ARGY**  
Though it may seem, there isn't much reason to yell yay or hurray,  
All of my friends, and family too, they're healthy and ok \_\_\_\_. **AY**  
And although, of jobs I have none, I try not to stew in dismay,  
At least I'll get my vaccine (in a few days) through publix \_\_ M \_\_\_\_. **IN AY**  
**IM, AY (crochet), ARGY, AY, IN AY**  
**M A R G A N A**  
**ANAGRAM**

2020, what a year to live through.  
At movies, bars, and clubs, there's no longer a \_\_\_\_. **QUEUE**  
I used to commute from Alewife to Braintree,  
But now I work from home. I don't need the \_\_\_\_. **T**  
Going inside without masks, now considered a sin,  
Forget going to restaurants, you should only stay \_\_\_\_. **IN**  
New year and vaccines, I'll celebrate with Henny,  
I have hopes and dreams, do you have \_\_? **ANY**  
**QUEUE, T, IN, ANY**  
**Q T N NE**

Back aches, feel old \_\_d. **AGE**  
Cup my hot mug, sip some \_\_\_\_. **TEA**  
Breathe out, a big s \_\_\_\_. **IGH**  
Writing these poems, what a toil and trouble,  
I will not write twice, that'd make my worries \_\_\_\_, **DOUBLE --**  
This is the last poem we'll give \_\_\_\_, of that I'll make sure. **YOU**  
**AGE, TEA, IGH, DOUBLE-YOU**  
**H T I W**  
**WITH**

### 2. ANAGRAM Q T N NE WITH

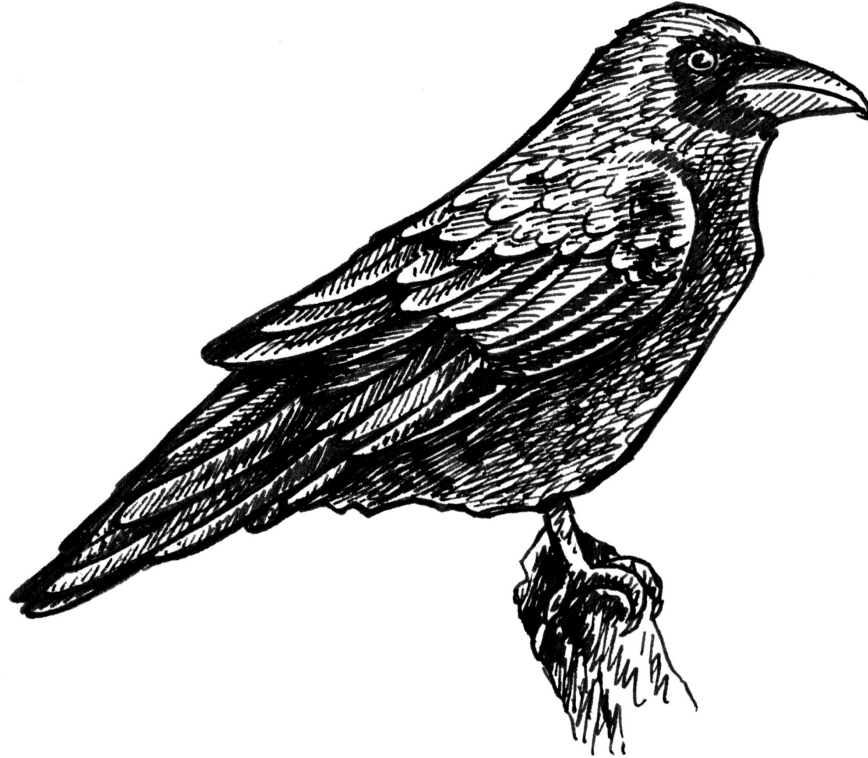
THOU HE BALK "REMOVER"

### 3. Q-THOU T-HE N-BALK NE-"REMOVER"

### 4. QUOTH THE BLANK "NEVERMORE"

**This is a reference to a famous poem by Edgar Allen Poe,  
Quoth the Raven "Nevermore."**

**The answer is RAVEN**



**Errata:** During hunt, the publix line was changed to "Walgreens ( \_ M \_)".

**Writing Notes:** In thinking about writing this puzzle, rhyming was used to clue most of the words, with the exception of the haiku. There, the format of 5/7/5 syllables was used to constrain old \_ \_ d. However this wasn't apparent to everyone (and breaks the rhyming) and age is not a perfect match for H unfortunately (no English word really is). I also regret the backward spelling, which was an arbitrary obfuscation. To explain, this started as a short throwaway puzzle for weekly meetings (just the Q T N NE). Then the day of (>:D terrible idea) I tried to clue the random anagramming by tacking on more poetry (ANAGRAM WITH). But the backward spelling caused confusion, and with the amount of poetry I wrote in the end, I could have just written the full cluephrase out. So, tl;dr be confident asking for hints when stuck! :)

**Notes on Errata:** The Publix line caused multiple issues, where people who had not heard of Publix, searched it and got "Publix Super Markets." Meanwhile I did not realize Publix was not the full name ( \_ \_ o). Overall it was not good to break form and have two separated letters in one line, but was rather caused by bad puzzle writing (wanting to write fewer lines of poetry, then running out of time to redo).

**Notes on Title:** Random was cluing random anagramming (the step involving Q T N NE), as well as the flavor text. However beginner puzzlers (who this hunt should be friendly to) who would not know that random anagramming is a trope for beginner puzzle writing!