Human before Villain

How things have changed!

We stood up,

We cared,

We saved your lives

We suffered,

We worked for free,

We cancelled holidays,

We missed our children's birthdays, their first steps, their mealtimes,

We kept going,

We got nothing,

We lost our lives.

They took trips,

They didn't listen,

They chose the nations 'economy' over it's health,

They changed the rules,

They lied,

They scapegoated,

They didn't hesitate in holidaying,

They got the raise they wanted.

Despite the facts,

Despite the sacrifice,

Despite the pain, the suffering,

Despite the commitment, the dedication,

Despite it all, now we're the villains,

People fill the bars, the clubs, the restaurants, the trains,

People blame the GPs, the waiting lists, the A&Es,

People have forgotten the clapping, the delivered meals, and extra thank yous.

We were human but you made us 'heros',

We are still human and now you make us Villains,

When will you stop?

When will you realise there's only so much any one of us can take?

When will those that really keep hearts and souls alive truly be seen, and left in peace?

Why do they continue with their cuts, their torture, their unrealistic expectations?

They see the growing inequalities, the hungry families, the increasing homeless and yet stand by,

They know we're leaving-they see the gaps, we've had enough, we can't go on,

It's them that have the power to protect and prevent, they're the ones with choice, the agency to change the course of history,

Why now then, are we the ones to blame and victimize? Don't they see, it's them that pose the greater risk to health not me!