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## Diary Entry

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### **Entry 1: How do you feel? What have you been doing? (April 6, 2020)**

I think I'm morbid during the pandemic. This week, I thought about death a lot. [I initially went into more detail about this until I realized how depressing that sounded, ha.] Luckily I feel better now. I discovered a new television show called *Community*, and it's pretty good— Ken Jeong is very funny. Also, I have been going on walks around my complex. There's a tennis court where I like to read. This week I read the book *Final Draft* from a former Kenyon student, Riley Redgate. But I don't like that book. Maybe I'll read a different one next week.

### **Entry 2: What will you do once the quarantine ends? (April 16, 2020)**

As soon as the quarantine ends, my family and I will go to the beach. I don't like the beach, but there's a Filipino food truck nearby. I'm going to eat lumpia and turon until I get sick. Then I'll go to the mall and do some shopping. In August I'll (hopefully) return to Kenyon. And when I do, I'll be an orientation leader so I can help the new students. Then my friends will come back to campus too, and we can meet up again. Classes will start up, but I'll find time to visit Seitz House and all of the places I've missed.

### **Entry 3: What is your relationship with nature? (May 4, 2020)**

When I was little I lived in Manhattan, New York. There isn't a lot of nature in the city. So when I moved to Gambier, I really appreciated the scenery. I loved that every day I could walk through a campus with trees and plants. At night, I would look at the sky and marvel at the stars. I had never seen so many stars in my life. Now I live in a concrete jungle. I go on walks every day, where I can hear the birds and smell fresh air. Still, I hope to return to Kenyon (and nature) soon.

### **Entry 4: What have you learned? (May 12, 2020)**

I have learned that I need routine. If I don't have one, I get overwhelmed and anxious. The world is unpredictable (with or without a pandemic), and routine gives me stability. But I hate the quarantine. It's hard to finish my homework on time. I wish that my friends and I could be together for final exams, but that's not possible. Also, I miss Kenyon and my professors. But I guess there are some good things. I am more grateful for things, in general. And I get to talk to my parents more often. This is a very weird experience, and I hope that it's all over soon. But overall I'm fine, and I'm lucky to be here.