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This image holds special meaning to me, because it captures my personal 2020 experience of isolation, rage, and joy in one shot. The social distancing at a Black Lives Matters protest in Salem, OR, represent two pandemics that have engulfed my family. COVID, of course, has forced our small household of three into a near state of isolation, while the pandemic of racial injustice has fueled our rage of an unjust system. The image of my daughter, though, at an event that I feel like captures both “pandemics” is, personally, the heart of the image and captures my joy of this season. It represents to me the increased time I have gotten to have with her, due to these circumstances. A time that has come when she has had a landmark birthday and become a teenager. A time in which I got to talk with her, share with her, and be a proud dad, watching her curiosity blossom, and intellect, and civic-mindedness grow, as she increasingly wants to talk and learn about racial injustice, political, and historical issues.