

**Ailihpomeh – The Promised Return**  
How in the world were we to know, that many many months ago  
Our lives would be interrupted  
As we wrestled with fear, it soon became clear  
This camp could indeed be disrupted

**All of the fun was worth the price;  
Infusions and crutches, sunburns and chigger bites  
We would pay them all again and again  
If only to hear, “Hello Friend!”**

**We’ve missed the thrill of riding a horse, navigating the challenge of a high ropes course  
And nothing could be any better  
Than casting our line, thinking this could be the time  
When I capture the infamous “Netter”**

**Proudly pursuing our weekly desires, like archery, projects, and evening campfires  
Looking forward to what lies ahead  
Living the dream eating homemade ice cream  
And topped with delicious fry bread**

**We miss the chatter of dining hall voices, the freedom to make our own cabin choices  
The sessions with Cindy and art  
Conversations we share, about a condition that’s rare  
And friendships we all take to heart**

**We’ve been home working on our paddle strokes  
gotta stay strong ‘cause... “YEAH BOATS!”  
We are all so very sick of these walls  
Our skills may be slack, but it will certainly come back  
All we need’s a little GaGa Ball.**

**Next year you can show us all your own brick, in the meantime please just give us a click  
We may be apart without face to face,  
All is well, as time will tell,  
That Camp is more than a place**

**We hope you try your own hand at fry bread, or build a campfire the glows so red.  
Maybe you’ll explore a park and find a Geocache.  
In the heat of July, just give it a try  
You might just find you’ve had a blast.**

**We appreciate those who work the Quack Shack, our men of Leadership providing a snack  
As we bask in the hot Texas air  
And we’ll finish this awesome week long hike, by enjoying a tasty and cold Klondike  
A tradition known as “Polar Bear”**

**So we cherish the images of memories past, as this pandemic surely cannot last  
For we long for that sweet Camp aroma  
Our time will come soon, for it won’t be on Zoom  
The magic that’s Camp Ailihpomeh!**