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Three months have passed since our confinement. We have regained some of our freedom, opened doors and windows and found our relatives and friends. For the luckiest, we were able to go see other landscapes, breathe the great outdoors, and meet new people (while remaining attentive). Nevertheless, it seems to me that we are living, in France, a partial unconfinement. Our movements are always limited, closed spaces forbidden for any meeting around a good table, places for walks and discoveries restricted - not to mention the drastic limitations in some workplaces.

With #sketchyourwindow, our project invites our friends, some of whom are still in quarantine, into tragic situations of fear and isolation. Above all, we are connected and able to share with friends in: France, UK, Spain, Hungary, Marocco, US, Russia, Brazil, Ecuador, South Korea, Hong Kong, etc. By taking the time to grab a piece of paper and drawing a few strokes of pencil the open perspectives of our surrounding, we share our common experience of the lockdown, with the hope of a better life. This time spent at the window inspires creation, reflection on our condition, and humility, without a doubt.

"I owe you the truth in painting, and I will give it to you." wrote Paul Cézanne to Emile Bernard. Can we find it here, through the unveiling of these views of windows, like so many apples or the mountains of Saint-Victoire, the windows and balconies by Henri Matisse, Pierre Bonnard, or the intimate spaces lit by the outside lights of Edgar Hopper? Here, for #dessinetafenetre, each has given of his personality to testify to a truth that cannot be reduced to the representation of the view from his window. The views from our windows, usually invisible to everyone, are a promise. They reflect our true hopes and leave an intimate trace of this extraordinary moment of history.

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