

Sweatpants

Blankets for your legs
tucked in with elastic,
drawstrings to
hug your waist
and pantlegs to
hold your legs.
Depending on the color,
they're decent to
wear in public.
I try to match mine
with my mask
so at 11 pm when buying
Mexican Coke from
the convenience store,
my two-day old get-up
is at least coordinated.

— Will Neuenfeldt

read "The Slob-Chic Style of the Coronavirus
Pandemic," *The New Yorker*, July 20, 2020

read "This is our pajama moment," *The
Washington Post*, December 7, 2020

Pajamas

Since the first months of the virus
I've stayed home with my wife, Iris
There've been arguments and dramas
Most of them about pajamas
I can see no cause to change
To put on pants or rearrange
The way I dress
And my words here are to confess.

I wear my night clothes all day long
And see no reason this is wrong
I almost never leave the house
And it's the same way with my spouse
Except she dresses up each day
I guess most women think that way
Although no friend will stop to visit us, I say
I've even given up my morning shaving
A relaxing new way of behaving.

—Bruce Dodson