TAKE ACTION!

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We hear it on the radio, read it in the news
HIV/AIDS for its victims does choose
Persons of ALL races, classes and creed,
And seems to be claiming lives at an increasing speed!

Well, it’s been some time now, two dozen years and more,
Since this dreaded disease began its killing galore
The message of its danger has been spread far and wide
Yet with this unwelcome visitor we still appear to abide!

I say it is high time, no doubt, for immediate action
To cause HIV/AIDS to cease and desist from its path of destruction!
Far too many lives – young, old, black, white, rich and poor –
Have been laid waste – are dead! - at this villain’s dark door

Let’s practice with persistence, thus being unflinching wise,
The ABC’s of prevention: Abstain, Be faithful, Condomize
Yes, the time for real action is right now, or never!
So that HIV/AIDS does not become man’s worst killer disease ever

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