

## It's Called "Breaking News" Because We Are Broken

Cannonade  
Another crashed crucible  
In campus corridors

Chaos  
Cancelled classes and lives  
Shots captured in collegiate air  
Into the heart of classmates  
Who enrolled with the courage  
To compose  
To comprehend  
To connect

Calamity amidst calm  
Crashing furniture  
Crackle of corridor gunfire  
Cornered classroom almost corpses  
Cringing and careening

Carving a memory  
Into the survivors

A carcinogenic worship of weapons  
Cut from steel  
At the crux of manhood  
Cut from steeliness  
Caged rage – craving this headline stage.

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