

## Wilderness House Literary Review 10/1

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**Number**

Beware  
winning team's  
own anthems.

Your raised fist  
holds a roll  
of coins

you will just  
use  
for laundry.

You have all  
learned to applaud  
each other.

with no  
advantage  
of listening.

Your salutes  
start losing  
head snap.

The secret hand  
shakes grow  
lazy while

you drink  
for free  
too fast.

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The alley where  
your best photos  
were taken

has been  
reclaimed  
by me

relinquished  
by you  
absent minds.

Be careful.  
We're desperate  
hungry enough

to invite you.