

**Wilderness House Literary Review 12/1**

*Stephen Black*  
**Impermanence**

A cop at the college  
where I work  
stopped me  
as I was getting out of my truck

(parked in a Staff space)

and asked if I was  
a teacher or a student.

I turned around and told him  
I'm a teacher  
He said, "Oh ok.  
You look young."  
And I was happy about that

and then he added,  
"from the back."