

Wilderness House Literary Review 2/4

Doug Holder

"Families Fuck You Up"

* Philip Larkin

That's right
"Leave it to Beaver"
for once—
June-
Loosen the corset
Hold of your
Apron strings
And send
Ward back
To the back ward.
And father
Really doesn't know best.
It's all a mask
The flask is in his pocket
His molestation case
In the docket.
And Norman Rockwell
Created such misery
For all of us
The rosy-cheeked family
Around the traditional, stolid
Dinner table...
Yes our plates are full
But we are unstable.