

**Wilderness House Literary Review 13/1**

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**Real**

Papers gather  
how much lets  
decade down

smears campaign  
between us  
one-sided  
as always.

In this  
she feels  
no need for attack  
if winning.

Final lesson: A girl says  
she needs someone  
she doesn't mean you.

Vows jumble Jenga  
each growth.  
closer to ground  
up, bow.

Guilt the last thing  
left undone  
true love's  
working on that.

It's okay. It's okay. Someone who doesn't  
know you well  
is proud.

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### Court

Rumors jump  
spacious lawns

quiet neighbor's  
secret suitor

teen son outgrows  
child's shotgun

moved pedophile  
catch up on Google

cul-de-sac  
turned compound

bombardment  
amidst bake off

bread of time's  
burnt bottom.