

Wilderness House Literary Review 13/3

Chad Parenteau
Disclaim

Not all.

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Repeat for all.

Takes a village
to kill a child

one dies
rest not I's.

Tragedy
sans blame
equals more,

not even a goat
to play Judas

all already slaughtered
somehow not their fault.

No time
to mourn
just barbecue

and a look
at the wall
check for surname.

All imagine compensation
move on with murder.