

## Wilderness House Literary Review 13/3

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**Profile Pictures**

It was easy  
in college  
for every profile pic  
to be a drunk photo  
smiling. Beer cans  
in hands in a bar,  
at the beach,  
in a house, in  
a car. We were  
all young and  
happy  
thinking us  
adults. Legally,  
sure, yes.  
We were.  
But the me  
in those photos  
wasn't thinking  
about bills  
the endless  
stack of debt  
I still cannot  
afford.  
Of which  
I was  
in those moments  
accumulating.  
Like snow clouds  
beckoning  
over Lake Erie  
I hoped would  
cancel class  
so I could drink.