

Wilderness House Literary Review 13/4

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**Out of the Way**

I'll be  
waiting  
in different places  
at different paces  
trying to stick around  
long enough to say  
it was worth the while

I'll be  
running through  
corn fields &  
soy fields &  
watermelon patches &  
it'll look cool on  
Instagram  
but that's not  
the way we really live  
is it?

I'm out  
here trying to  
pick up the pieces  
of what I used to have  
a self-imposed Elba  
now ruler of nothing  
master of fruitless ceremony  
but persistent &  
with a Hell of a  
winning smile

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I realize  
there's more to  
life than coming in  
first or second  
but it took me a while  
to understand gold &  
silver is the extra weight  
that tips scale & when  
the sun is just right  
blinds us from who  
we really are