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Venezuelans Waiting to Cross Van Buren

Carter: There's Something Wrong in America

Unhurt

Wilda W. Morris

A gunman killed a 20-year-old woman who was pushing her 3-month-old in a stroller in Manhattan. The child was unhurt.

~ New York Times daily email, June 30, 2022

Some journalists have a limited understanding of the word "hurt." A child whose mother is murdered is never unhurt even if there are no physical scars. Even if the infant is too young to remember the noise of a gun, the mother's scream, the chaos around the stroller. Even had the infant not been with the mother when those shots split the air, the child WAS hurt. There is no way to unhurt the child. Don't try to tell me otherwise.

In The States

John Ogan

In the north
A man lies on his face on the road
Gasping
As a man kills him from above
For being black.

In the south
A young boy reads the bible
While his father tells him the story
Is true.

In the west
A man shoots cans on a fence
Hoping his leader will call him
To war.

In the east
The President of the United States
Mockingly states that he could
Shoot a man on a crowded street in New York
And get away with it.

And here I am
In the middle
Waiting for the right to vote
As I watch blue and red bars
Determine my fate.

There's Something Wrong in America



Mike Carter
Acrylic on Canvas