

What We Learn In School

shh...

everyone quiet now

knees up

head down

away from the windows

everyone quiet now

scarlet stains the letters

the track team flies

the substitute teacher mispronounces your name when they call the toll

[you murdered me three times yesterday]

purchased legally

they weren't right mentally

how many dollars annually

they weren't right in the head

now

i am laid to bed

[you executed me half a dozen times yesterday

even more today]

the doors are now locked on the school

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the doors are locked on the school so you won't be shot between the hours of 7:45 am and 2:35 pm by someone who isn't already in the building and the p.e. teacher guards the door with their coffee during their lunch hour because the p.e. teacher would never have one

the doors are now locked on the school

[you massacred me twenty-seven times yesterday
even more today
how many times more]

everyday i die
today i died fourteen times
yesterday i died seventeen times
tomorrow i will die seventeen times again

again...
turn off the lights
in the corner
block the door
everyone quiet now

again...
in a stall
under a table
behind a chair
everyone quiet now

again...
i luv u
im sorry
goodbye
everyone quiet now

again...

[you] murdered
[you] executed
[you] massacred
[you] stole every ounce
thirty-two times yesterday
even more today
how many times more

everyone quiet now
can [you] hear them

everyone quiet now
can [you] hear them

everyone *please*, quiet now
can [you] hear them

everyone
is quiet now
shh ...