

America, Land of the Bullet Hell

And the knife attack / And our land of free

lead piping /

And the toothache / And the state that wouldn't protect

Lauren Fields would never save Christina Yuna Lee /

And cursive lessons to sign away

land rights / And a million gallons a day

for the golf courses in Palm Springs / And bombs for Philly

and the Philippines and Palestine

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And the CIA / And the MK Ultra do you understand me? / And

the white moderate and the white supremacist /

And we miss you Icon Daesja / And we love you Layleen Polanco even as

every year cuts across the memory / And six

rapid tests or no rapid tests

for our whole house for the imprisoned /

And (don't remind me) how many COVID cases / And how we got boosters before half the world

could get first shots / And who shot up how many massage parlors and forgot / And who

first gave us the notion that Asian bodies were disposable

common communist subject

foreign virus target practice

taking over not fit for consumption model

flight risk holes to fill eating bats and shit

rooftop shooters photographed post-napalm the reason we spent

\$778 billion on war this year fucking up the Olympics

spying on us

("J*ps",

- *South Pacific*)

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A friend asks me if insomnia, malaise, oversleeping are symptoms of depression or just pandemic. I wonder if it's the water; there was another oil spill off the coast last week. LA where they pioneered environmental racism. My post-COVID floaters quiet. I swallow my mouth; everything groans. It's clockwork: every Asian boy they shoot is crazy, every Asian woman was a target. Somehow no one knows who put it there. Pundits debate whether

the pandemic was a commie plot and I am called China Flu on the street. The CDC says what I am is risk factor *severe*. In the dreams where I still call the police I don't say *mentally ill* so I can at least be in my house not on the asphalt. If I am found face down turn me over. If you are recording this please don't be scared. It was always going to be the bullet or the bullet or the bullet. Either the police state wins or we do. Hit play and try again.