

## Humanifesto "Yesterday's Headlines"

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Three children taken from  
Their front yard by their dad  
And the police ignored the  
Mother crying that he had  
Violated the restraining order  
To keep him away from the children at all times.  
The officer in charge simply dismissed her pleas  
As the overly hysterical rantings of a controlling freak.  
And when the father called home  
To say he'd taken them to an amusement park  
The police washed their hands of the whole situation  
And rolled their eyes at the crazy woman.

But when Simon showed up at the police station and  
opened fire  
They feigned shock at what they found after they shot  
him to the ground.

No one denied that the death of these three girls  
By their father was a tragedy  
But the police department felt no obligation  
To take responsibility.

And Jessica's whole world was crashing down on her  
The ones sworn to serve and protect had failed their  
pledge  
And now what could have been simple abduction  
Had led to Simon's death and a triple homicide.

And so this chapter ends on the front page headlines  
The stories pile on, forgotten everytime  
A family's tragic tale reduced to urban myth  
No one's accountable, the blame simply dismissed  
But for the victims who survive, the pain never  
subsides,  
The questions catechise, the memories never die.

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