<u>Gunshot</u> – Original Poem It was only yesterday I was standing tall, Walking about on my own, But now here I lay Crimson blood flowing like rushing rapids Internal organs hanging out Like fruit from a tree It all happened in a flash, A boom, a rip, and a thud. A big bullet from a big gun, An angry man now on the run, A dying man reflecting on a gunshot. A gunshot can change a life. It can extend, Shorten, Give reason, Ruin, Or End it. I guess mine has ended By a gunshot. While his is ruined By a gunshot. Another man has been given a reason By a gunshot. No one's life was extended

By a gunshot

Maybe I should have complied

Maybe I should not have fought

But I did

Maybe we should accept our griefs

But we don't

But what I think doesn't matter

As I lay here

As I fade, away

No one will hear

My thoughts as I lay.