

Tetractys

Mortar Boards

Grads'
mortar
boards display
memories and
hopes for future—individual squares
unless it's blank without decoration
devoid of hope
part of crowd
subtle
joy

The Dark Knight Rises Aurora Colorado Shootings July 2012

In
movie
theater he
shoots innocents.
He obtained lethal, legal weaponry,
dressed in combat gear, booby-trapped his home.
Top-notch student
deranged- still
he got
guns.
How
can we
stop slaughter,
control weapons,
prevent tragedies like Columbine, Fort
Hood, Virginia Tech, Tucson, Red Lake,
Hartford, Carthage.....?
Must stop blood
flow and
deaths.

Tetractys:

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1. Tetractys is the name given by a classical Greek mathematician, Euclid to his contention that the number sequence 1-2-3-4 has mystical significance because it adds up to ten.
2. Five lines or pentastich
3. Syllable Count: 1-2-3-4-10 per line.
4. Double Tetractys is 1-2-3-4-10-10-4-3-2-1.
5. Mirrored Tetractys for a series is 1-2-3-4-10-10-4-3-2-1-1-2-3-4-10-10-4-3-2-1 etc.
6. Unrhymed. Example did not have a title. But I like titles if more than one.
7. "British answer to haiku".