

They Should Have Shut Down the Streets

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They should have shut down all the streets
Presidents and kings should've been there
With not a single empty seat
All the schools closed
And the roads we drove down all lined
Lined with people cap in hand and crying
That went on for miles and miles and miles and miles and miles They should have shut down all the streets
All the papers plastered with tributes
We should have asked for privacy
Though we understand if it's someone to share their pain
We would ask to grieve this in our quiet way
And they should have asked again and again and again They should have shut down all the streets
All the brocades piled on the doorstep
And pages filled with crayon hearts that a second grade class had made in their school that day
Because the teacher had to give them some small way
And there weren't that many ways left for her to say They should have shut down all the streets

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