Just the Ones That Made the News

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In nineteen ninety-nine
   There was Columbine
Where first died a girl
   Same name as mine

Years later we look
   There came Sandy Hook
Gunned down twenty children
   Barely able to read storybook

Over on the west coast
   The man was unable to boast
No girls wanted to sleep with him
   So he turned them into toast

Entered in the holiest of places
   Every intention to only shoot black faces
Media reluctant to say "hate crime"
   Though he himself identifies as racist

Again another hate crime we meet?
   The police took over three hours - there was no retreat
Love is love is love is love
   He went there that day to squash the heartbeat

By now none of us can say we're surprised
   The deadliest yet - fifty-nine girls and guys
Right now we debate and hashtag pray for Las Vegas
   How many more times before our country gets wise

The Parkland kids were forced to grow up
   Aside from the seventeen lives that were took
School walk outs, March For Our Lives
   The youth have spoken, enough is enough

And now it has happened right here in our home
   Feels redundant to repeat what we have already known
Now we stand VB Strong with our family, our friends, and our city
   This reoccurring tragedy has now become our own

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