

## Child's Play Ends

*The die is cast  
with the cast to die  
in a one act play  
of suicide.*

*The high school youth  
threatens no more  
dark dream played out  
the dream abhorred.*

*Screams for help  
in symbols coded  
stayed a mystery  
as life corroded.*

*He died as promised  
as was said  
arteries and veins  
in crimson red.*

*Justice was served?  
Who served us thus?  
There is just us left?  
Who can they trust?*

*Work with lives  
or just the(ir) learning?  
Haunting questions  
keep returning.*

*He's gone I know  
exit on cue  
a child's play ends  
a final adieu.*

*My anguish stays  
I'm left alone  
Discordant thought  
I can't atone.*

*The play returns  
as I decide  
if two can play  
at suicide.*

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