A long-standing Editorial Board member of the *Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services* (JPN), Deena A. Nardi, PhD, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN, has written two guest editorials for JPN (Nardi, 2013, 2015) on gun violence in the United States. This poem is a short allegory, visualizing results of the paralysis of action infecting a polarized country over guns, their political meaning to us all, and gun control.

**BLOOD ON THE MOON**

Blood on the moon, it drips tonight. 
Voices silenced, mouths shut tight.
Conversations, once tools for trade,
Now are used to barricade,
To guard a door, or block the way. 
Discourse with strangers in decay.

They listened not, “j’accuse!” instead,
And using guns, shot reason dead.
We stock our rifles, load our arms,
And prowl the night, pursuing harm.
Blood on the moon, a brilliant red.
No safety now. We all are dead.

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