

## About the Guest Editors...

Among other things, *Jane Doe* is the woman in the lawsuit *Jane Doe v the Metropolitan Toronto Police*. She writes, researches and educates about women's equality and sexual assault, but above all she is a feminist activist. She wishes to thank and praise Professor Elizabeth Sheehy for her work in making this journal and the "Jane Doe Conference" possible. Jane also honours the feminist, anti-racist activism of young women, most recently during the G20 Summit.

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## ELIZABETH PICKETT

### time is a wolf in a cave

a few beats away  
from my heart's twelve  
where you are to blame  
because I was not found

your hand  
on my heart  
stops  
like a wolf  
in its cave

you swore it was the last time  
and so did I  
we both swore  
the last

time I said it's forever  
and you said it was  
but we knew  
it was a wolf  
in a cave

I want to know  
will I move past your body  
when you die  
or will my own half-cells  
die with you

when I was a girl  
you told me time was forever  
yet the wolves found me  
in dreams

when your teeth are gone  
I know  
they'll still eat me  
I'll fall from your mouth  
when you throw up the bones

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