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I don't understand

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Here we are, our heads bowed down in disbelief.
It's happened again.
I don't understand.

Here we are, more tears and blood are shed with no relief.
It's happened again.
I don't understand.

We fail to stop what is wrong, and we try to stop what is right.
It's happened again.
I don't understand.

We must stand tall, and continue to fight.
It's happened again.
I don't understand.

In the midst of tragedy, why does our government prioritize harming
women, instead of gun safety?
H.R. 490, H.R. 36, and now tax-advantaged 529 accounts for fetuses,
this is crazy.

Congress do your job already.
If you say you care about the living,
Your refusal to act is unforgiving.

How many Sutherland Springs will it take,
Until our own hearts stop beating from ache?

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