

## **“Dualities”**

The sweetness of baby cheeks and  
Sending my daughter to school the day after a shooting and  
The inability of our state lawmakers to grasp that it is, in fact, the guns

We are all vulnerable here and  
There is so much beauty  
“Two can be true”, they say.

I believe in dignity and worth of all and  
Some days I just (kind of) don’t like people and  
There are systems of oppression I don’t have the right language to speak to

I have seen the heavy burdens laid on people and  
I have seen people walk extra miles for others, real and metaphorically  
“Two can be true”, they say.

I am a person of hope and  
There are days I (temporarily) lose my way.  
“Two can be true”, they say.