

# Together

The lawn is not the "quad" anymore

It is a meadow

Instead of rushing by

We slow down

Sit down, share a blanket

Gather, together

Inside and outside the encampment

Notice the shade of tree branches

Feel the sun

Song, cartwheels, laughter

Lessons, food

Sharing

Loving

Tired eyes

Achy muscles

Red noses, burnt foreheads

Full hearts

Also

Worried eyes

The police cars are in place, watching

But they're not the threat here, for now

You-know-whose little helpers are

They've suspended six students

Starting with those they asked to negotiate with

They've suspended six students

Prior to investigating the charges against them

First punishment, then investigation

Sound familiar?

They've suspended six out of hundreds

Six is just enough to intimidate

Without causing an uproar

Suspension is house arrest: you can stay in the dorm but not step foot on campus

Suspension is deportation: visa made invalid

They are targeting the most vulnerable nation-wide, says a lawyer

How do you fight an empire with love?

Why would you ever stop?