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# John Lennon: A Day in the Rye

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*"It's funny. All you have to do is say something nobody understands and they'll do practically anything you want them to."*  
— J.D. Salinger, *The Catcher in The Rye*

I read the news today,  
Oh boy,  
About the man in  
the Red hat—  
That damned deer  
stalking cap,  
with a pistol in his hand  
and a paper *Rye* sandwich  
in his pocket  
made by *his* Salinger;  
*the* Salinger—  
recluse as he was,  
moved a man to  
bullets in another's back.  
Bullets in back.  
Paperback in jacket pocket—  
He knew what he'd done  
as the blood stained glasses  
were taken off in one final gesture—  
Laid on the sidewalk  
to forever look back  
towards Liverpool.  
He had looked up and noticed he was late.  
He had looked up and noticed.