

## Notes for November 8, 2022

We won't forget  
Our 19 children and 2 teachers of Uvalde gone  
To be with our 10 younger siblings from Santa Fe  
And our abuelos and abuelas from El Paso.  
We won't forget  
The 14.6 out of 100,000 would-be parents,  
Some reluctant but had all other options  
Legislated away.  
We won't forget  
Our 5 trans sisters who departed last year  
And the 18 from the year before—  
And after adding both up,  
There are more bills trying to erase them  
And the children who have yet to be themselves.  
We won't forget  
The 246 who tried to keep from freezing  
Like the rest of us huddled in the dark  
And did not live to see more messages about  
Conserving A/C and rolling blackouts  
In the name privatization and Bitcoin mining.  
We won't forget  
The 86,765 and counting  
Sacrificed for the economy  
And anti-affordable healthcare  
That's really a lingering effect of the Red Scare.  
We won't forget  
Clinton Allen, Sandra Bland, Botham Jean,  
Atatiana Jefferson, and many more  
Failed by those who are supposed to protect,  
Who could not protect  
The children and teachers at Uvalde.

When it's November 8, 2022,  
And you have a lot to do at work  
And don't want to wake up early  
Or take a late lunch  
And maybe you don't have the car today  
And it's a hassle to take the bus  
Or call a Lyft or Uber,  
Please don't forget.