

## STATE OF EMERGENCY

There's always a but or a reason  
why the headline's not true;  
it's never as simple as you think.

Law is abstract, assault a defence,  
and they were clearly asking for it.  
Days don't pass without appeals,

miscarriages of justice or the scrum  
collapsing, policemen being found out.  
You can rewire the past, lie through

your teeth, we still don't believe  
what you say. The evidence is clear,  
we've seen the film, your fingerprints

are on the corpse, that smirk gives you  
away. We aren't as simple as you think,  
won't accept your excuses any time soon.

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