

## **In a Room Full of Kin**

*Vernon Daim*

My life is a click-bait headline;  
a convoluted telenovela plot.  
Not ready for confrontation,

I left with grenades of secrets.  
But now I am in a room full of kin,  
rumours and ritual follow an obituary

like inseparable twins dragging each other.  
In this big space talk is small and hushed,  
there's only accusation, not acceptance.

## **Listen**

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Silence  
is the voice of the  
repressed,  
oppressed,  
dispossessed,  
depressed,  
made audible  
by a bullet.