MINUS ONE

The story surrounds how a small town becomes psychologically unsound after one of their children is killed, while later the lone church is burned. The next little girl that is saved becomes someone to rally around as a miracle to bring a community back to normalcy.

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Opens with three children readying poems at a funeral, with the wind blowing their hair, and just silence as the camera pans over the faces of the audience. All in black and white.

The giant dark
Bull moose
Stands over the waters
Touching the sky
As his legs stand still in
The waters
Teaming with the little fish
That do not see the face
That shades them from the Sun
But the moose looks over
Them all
Nonetheless

A king sent out his
Three ships
Upon the sunset waves.
They crew stood fast
And wondered
At the loss of land
And battles waves and sand
To find new distant shores.
I sent out a ship today
And all I have
Are oceans salt upon my face.

Someone stole my sky away.
For I have known it
Black or gray,
Pink at morning,
Yellow at night,
Blue and welcome
At midday.
But there is only space above
For someone stole my sky away.

From the funeral of the little girl killed my a man in a Canadian town. The police chief tracks down the killer who also loves to burn churches. He catches the man returning as parishioners are trying to rebuild, as the man was almost caught before, and had no time to take away the money he also stole from the town as the church burned. But the little girl’s kidnap and death made no sense to happen at the same time. But the sheriff knew. He waited for the man to come back for a suitcase hidden is a wall in the church.

The man, when confronted, pulled a gun and was shot dead by sharp shooters. The sheriff closed the roads in the town off.

In meantime we have second story of a family traveling in a silver stream across Canada. A man attacks the family in the nigh with his truck, and comes back over and over again, until he steals their little girl. The adults are all too injured to stop him, and watch him drive away.

Meanwhile, in the town, the road blocks catch a man in a battered old truck with a big box for storing tools in the truck bed. He resists and is also shot. He was the twin of the other man. The sheriff opens the box and finds a little girl inside, battered but alive.

The story also surrounds what happens to a Sheriff who listened to his intuition, and what his action did to his career, his family, and his future with the little Canadian town.