

GOT HIM (SHOT HIM)

was the rhyming headline from the tampa bay times
WE GOT THE BASTARD from the philadelphia daily news
The Butcher of 9/11 is DEAD from the san francisco examiner
ROT IN HELL from the new york daily news
... VENGEANCE AT LAST ... from the new york post
the stately new york times announced in upper case times new roman
BIN LADEN KILLED BY U.S. FORCES IN PAKISTAN
OBAMA SAYS, DECLARING JUSTICE HAS BEEN DONE
just one word – DEAD – from the st petersburg times and the chicago sun times
and similar words in hundreds of languages reverberated around the world

i opened the times when it was delivered
later ... coming back from walking the dog
my neighbor rolled down his car window
shouted *hey we got 'em*
i asked *waddya mean?*
it took a while
before i understood what he meant

we got 'em
we shot 'em
we killed 'em
that butcher
that bastard
that monster

who exactly is this we?