

Agony Through the Years  
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Every now and then I think back,  
Back to when things weren't as bad  
Back to when most of our dread,  
Just came from words that they all said

But then I remember the bad years in the past  
The years in which I prayed my pain would never last  
The year it began I felt my joy confine  
But as the years soon followed the horror then inclined

In 1933 our worst nightmares became true  
The year all of our emotions began to turn a shade of blue  
When Adolph Hitler was elected chancellor of Germany  
Everything in our lives was done under his tyranny

In 1934 the days seemed to be worse  
We thought this would be the time that they'd show us remorse  
Instead they took away our health insurance  
Our only source of reassurance

In 1935 they took away our pride  
The time they forced all of us to divide  
When the Nuremberg Laws were instated  
To keep us to try and keep us hated and humiliated

In 1936 I felt the world grow sick  
The year when Berlin hosted the Olympics  
When Hitler decided to spread his evil  
To make the earth seem lethal

In 1937 we started to grow broke  
When our sources of income were suddenly revoked  
Professions in teaching, accounting, and dentistry were banned  
And the grief we felt when our parents showed us their profitless, empty hands

In 1938 all I could feel was hate  
When there was nothing that I could begin to even appreciate  
They made us apply for identity cards at 15 years  
When I realized my life wouldn't be the same I always cried warm tears

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In 1939 I felt that nothing good would ever be mine  
When everyone would avoid me like coloring outside the lines  
We had to wear stars so we could be identified  
Everyone's hatred when I'd walk by was strong enough to keep me petrified

Those seven years began it all  
Both Hitler's rising and his fall  
For these were the years that we felt like outlaws  
When hatred became the law

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