

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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