"Powerless"
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I stare,
Into the distance
With my new journal
As more and more Nazis
Storm the street,
Breaking glass and buildings.
And Jews
Cower and hide,
As their homes and businesses
Are destroyed.
My mother crying,
Hovering over my little sister
And comforting her.
As our father
Is beaten by Nazis
Just for being Jewish.
And we watch
Powerless.
"The ignorance of the broad masses about the inner nature of the Jew, the lack of instinct and

narrow-mindedness of our upper classes, make the people an easy victim for this Jewish

campaign of lies."

-Hitler
I stare
Into the distance
Yet again.
Writing what I see
To preserve this
As more and more Jews
Are forced into vans,
And other vehicles
Off to camps
Where they will work
To their own demise.
My father
Hiding us in the ghetto house
Whenever Nazis parade
Through the street
Looking for their next kill.
A depressed
Lonely
Powerless
Jew.

"This criminal race has the two million dead of the (First) World War on their conscience, and now hundreds of thousands. Let no one say to me: we cannot send them into the mire. Who

concerns themselves about our men? It is good if preceding us is the terror that we are exterminating the Jews." -Hitler I stare Into the distance Writing poems about the havoc As more Jews Are cheated by the Germans And are thrown into camps And are thrown into ghettos That are the same With the starving children And the horrid sounds at night Of screaming And crying And gunshots And cars Carrying our kind out To their death My mother Mourning our father Who was recently

Jailed

Just for being a Jew

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A lonely
Powerless
Jew
" The sole German objective in the region will be to liquidate all Jews"
-Hitler
I stare
Into the distance
Writing in my journal
About what had happened
Crying
For what feels like
The hundredth time
As my sister
Runs in the street
With her friend
Not knowing anything
The sweet bliss
Of joy
And friendship
Not knowing
That her own mother
Shot herself
Last night

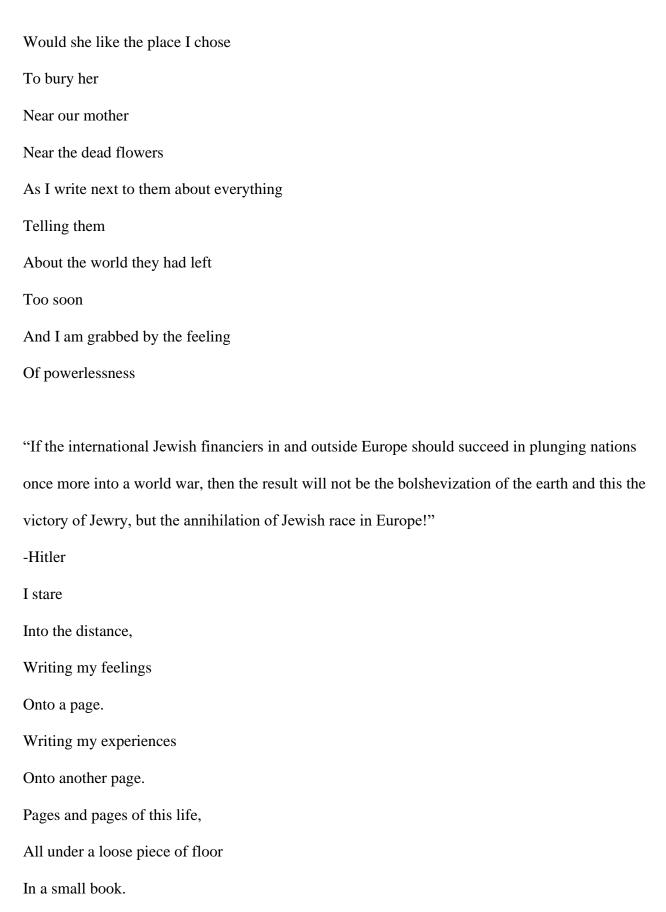
Trying to flee
This feeling of hopelessness
And dread
And her older sister
Trying to save her
But found it useless
And buried their mother
In what little they had of a backyard
Next to the flowers
Her mother had planted
For hope
And love
And the flowers her oldest daughter
Continues to write next to
Trying to make sense of the havoc
And violence that is happening
All around us
"Its final objective must unswervingly be the removal of the Jews altogether."
-Hitler
I stare
Into the distance
Crying

As I remember

Complimenting me
On how pretty
And how beautiful
I was
In that moment
As my friend holds my veil
And I marry
The man I love
And how our mother
Couldn't make it
Buried two feet
Into the soil
Near the dead flowers
As we tried to escape the ghetto
And how the Germans
Shot them up
My sister
Sheltering me
Getting shot
Her perfect smile
Framing her last moments
And I wonder

My sister

And her best friend



And I stare
Into the distance
Not being able
To experience joy,
Or excitement,
Or love.
Just the feeling
Of being
Powerless.
And as years go by, I read to my children entries from my diary,
About the ghetto, and life in the dark, dark times.
And the older they get, the more detail I let out
I tell the stories
Of feeling powerless
In hopes they will tell their children, who will tell their children
So that this horrid event will not repeat itself
For I fear the day
Where my descendants will have to face
The same experiences I did
And the same fear I felt
And the same feeling
Of powerlessness
For that was not a time of happiness, nor was it a time of celebration

It was a dark time, and I hope

That no one will have to go through that.

But if they do,

I hope they keep a diary, or drawings like I did

To preserve the events

And the terror.

So that it may never

Ever

Happens again.

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