

Second Place  
Fiction Writing, Division II  
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*“What Did We Do?”*  
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What did we do?

To deserve persecution

If only we knew

Get in by curfew

To avoid the delusion

What did we do?

Theft would ensue

By means of intrusion

If only we knew

Our lives askew

Exiled by a nation

What did we do?

Camp in view

No longer human

If only we knew

Our lives in two

Then a swift conclusion

What did we do?

The conclusion they drew

Was the Final Solution

If only we knew

Why did anger accrue?

Into a violent revolution

What did we do?

If only we knew

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