

Honorable Mention

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Art of The Holocaust

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In secret corners, hands still shook yet painted hope into the dark.

Charcoal whispered that a soul could not be erased.

Behind barbed wire, imagination learned to breathe.

Each stolen sketch was an act of resistance.

They drew tomorrow when today tried to kill it.

Colors became bread, memory, and quiet prayer.

Even ash could not silence the will to witness.

Hope stood upright in figures bent by hunger.

Art defied orders meant to make humans into numbers.

Every line declared, I am still here.

From suffering grew images that refused despair.

In creating, they resisted, and in resisting, they lived.

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