

Writing: 5-8th Grade. 2nd Place.

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"The Holocaust"

Read the poem from top to bottom for a Jew's perspective

"for I will always Heil Hitler"
those heinous words will never pass my lips
a phrase that brings immeasurable terror and death to those I hold dear
"a Jude in Germany"
is how I am defined
and individual
struggling to keep the hearts of my loved ones pounding to the sweet rhythm of survival
yet still, in your sickeningly unfamiliar eyes, I am nothing
you have stolen so much from me
disgusting, repugnant, abhorrent, poisonous mushrooms
what Hitler claims Jews to be
monster who mutilate children and drain their blood for Matzah
for we could never be
the palatable mushrooms picked fresh for holiday dinners
the superior
all we plead is that we are
treated humanely
never shall any Jew be
loaded into train carts like cattle
suffocated in gas chambers
classified by the very size of their noses
stripped of their belongings, clothes, hair, and lives
concealed inside inky black basements in sheer solitary silence
trembling under a knife blade that rips through flesh during experiments without anesthesia
the concentration camps red with macabre slaughter
starving for food, thirsty for water, gasping for air, yearning for equality
the Aryan superiority
it is purely pseudoscience
never would I believe
the studies are real
Hitler conducts violence masqueraded as truth
it is a deceptive fabrication to say
the one who leads the Nazi regime is an honest man

we should be granted the same opportunities and respect
I refuse to listen when you tell me
the vile future that awaits
because I possess the strength to overcome
no matter how much blame is placed upon me
I will fight
for myself
for my family
for my people
the Holocaust
a wickedly sinister thing to contemplate
a world where everyone lives equally in harmony
is utopia
a world where one group is superior over another
how selfish
no matter
the strength of the inhuman enemy
we will be stronger than it

Read the poem from bottom to top for a German Nazi's perspective.

