

**Writing: 5-8<sup>th</sup> Grade. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

