

Writing: 9-12th Grade. 2nd Place.

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“The Secret Heroes of the Holocaust”

Fear in children’s eyes
Sadness show on the faces of Jews
Everyone scared for their friends
World War II
The Holocaust.

New laws enforced
Jews to wear the Star of David
Wherever they went
The yellow star on their jackets and clothes
Everyone knows
They are Jewish.

Ghettos
Transports
Camps
Sent away from their friends
Separated from their mothers and fathers
Sisters and brothers.

Corrie ten Boom
Jeanne Daman
Maria Agnese Tribbioli
Three of the many who worked to help
Three of the many who hid Jews
Three of the many who knew it was wrong.

Secret rooms
The Underground
Big schools
Small apartments
Jews kept from the clutch of Hitler
Thanks to those who fought for what was right.

Many recognized
Some unknown
Some caught and thrown in jail
Others faced unfortunate consequences
Their stories told by grateful men and women.

The reason so many lived to tell their stories
The reason so many continued to grow
These secret heroes saved peoples' lives
Their faith
And their hope.

They knew it was wrong
They did what they needed to
Despite their fears
Despite what others said
To put others before themselves
The secret heroes of the Holocaust.