

## Echoes Of Sorrow

In the heart of darkness, a history unfolds  
Where innocence withers, and a grim tale molds.  
Holocaust's shadow, a chilling refrain,  
A world stained by loss, unspeakable pain.

Yellow stars marked lives for a cruel fate,  
In ghettos and camps, where hope would abate.  
Kristallnacht's fury, shattered glass and trust,  
Pogroms of hatred, a world left in disgust.

Auschwitz's grasp, humanity fell,  
Dehumanizing numbers, each tolling like a bell.  
A sinister symphony, orchestrated fear,  
As the world witnessed horrors, too ghastly to bear.

Kindertransport's mercy, a glimmer of light  
Children sent away from the impending night.  
Separations agony, hearts torn apart,  
Yet, a chance for survival, a fresh start

Six million souls, extinguished like flame,  
Innocence lost, in history's cruel game.  
Yet, from the ashes, a lesson to glean  
In the ruins of horror, a call to be keen.

Guard against prejudice, tyranny's plight,  
Illuminate the path to a compassionate light.  
See the signs of hatred, subtle and clear,  
Challenge the whispers that prey on fear.

In remembrance, we forge a vow,  
To prevent the echoes of then, echoing now.  
For the lessons of history,  
Etched in sorrow,  
Urge us to create a better tomorrow.

Holocaust survivor testimony: Ellen Bottner, a Holocaust survivor, grew up in Germany under the Third Reich. She describes her experiences on the Kindertransport.

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