

## Silent

A young teenage girl crept out of her home  
Heading toward the dark forest behind her house  
Unpleasant odors filled the air  
As sounds and voices grew louder

She hid behind a couple of pine trees  
barbed wire towering over her  
On the other side she could see children and adults of all ages  
Working, while a cloud of sadness hung over them  
Soldiers stared at the prisoners like hawks  
Making sure they did their job

All the hostages could do was stay silent  
Stay silent while the Nazis ruined their lives  
Stay silent while her people killed their hope and happiness  
All they could do was stay silent

On her way back to her house she caught a glimpse of her reflection in a window  
Her vanilla-colored hair hung loose under her shoulders  
ice blue eyes stared back at her  
Two of the things that made her different from people she just saw  
Two of the things that somehow made her superior and special  
Only two things

The German girl knew none of this was right  
How could it?  
Being treated differently based on religion  
Based on hair color, based on eye color

They were still human, they deserve the same rights as everyone else

But she couldn't say that, not in front of her family

Not in front of anyone, because she was part of the Aryan race

Now it was her turn to stay silent

Stay silent and keep her beliefs to herself

Stay silent while her people killed other people's hope and happiness

All she could do was stay silent