

Third Place  
Div. II  
Poetry

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Kolbe

Among the dead I live live, live  
Into the dark world I speak light  
But she spoke first

Maria

Into my heart she whispers, speaks  
The Germans call louder  
I build her an army, embracing the mission  
We pray. We fight. We win.  
But Germans build bigger, greater, stronger until  
In they come and out we go  
Wailing, destruction, chaos  
Farewell, sweet homeland  
They have won. For now.

Still, Maria holds my heart as I hold their hands  
Leading them  
To death? I don't know.  
Poor lambs.  
We adapt quickly to  
Our living hell

Jew

Amid the empty faces he screams, screams, screams.

Onto his knees, he begs.

Harsh phonics I can't comprehend

Gush from angry German mouths

They care not for their victims or

The families they leave

To starve another day.

I do.

Suddenly, I know.

Take me.

Light

In the dark cell we starve, starve, starve

Slowly wasting away

We are dandelion seeds in the soft summer breeze

But there's no breeze here.

I still hold Maria in my heart.

With her strength, into the dark, I shine.

Have hope, my people:

We are loved.

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We are almost home.

Poison

Through the syringe it drip, drip, drips

Scorching my veins

I know, know, know

It is worth it.

Jew lives another day with his family.

He is home.

I leave the dark, the cold, the hunger.

I am with Maria.

I am home.

Yes, I sacrifice

I sacrifice because I hope

People, look up!

They may break your bodies

But never let them break your souls.

I have freed one man with my sacrifice

But God has freed you all with His.

Kolbe was joy, hope

Light in the darkest place.

What courage is this?

Courage that I have.

Courage that you have.

Kolbe shows us how.

We are the how.

It takes courage to love for others;

That courage sets us free.

Kolbe

Hope of prisoners.

Light in the night.

Lead us home.

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## Her Silence

Her youth, the innocence within her eyes, all gone with the wind

She did not intend to be without words

Her Silence, put power in her mind

Would she live another day

Or die amongst the living

Her brow was risen, her lips were sealed, her face gray

She aged, not in years, but aged in pain

She was an old soul

Caving into the system

The war tore her into pieces

She wore those pieces on her back

Trapped of her status

A Jew!

No longer looking back

She fell for love

All the evil in the world

Which she endured

Felt just like the bullet

That went into her mother

She was alone

Risking her life, dodging the Nazi

Her Silence, stood for something  
For those who could not speak  
Died on this cruel earth  
When she spoke  
Those lost souls, had risen, to tell their story  
She gave them voices  
Voices to be heard  
So no one would forget  
Her Silence, beyond anything on this earth  
Came up from the ground  
The air took it  
Swept it  
Guided it  
To the angels  
To Us  
For anyone and anything  
To hear  
Her Silence, has passed with time  
Her words, engraved itself  
Into every human  
Into every crack in the Earth  
It traveled within the mantle



Within the Cores

Her Silence, had driven the world

To find peace, love and salvation

Her Silence cried

It laughed

It longed for happiness

Her Silence ended in vocation

Her call, to be silent

God came forth

And her silence

Was no more

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