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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