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(Three Tanka)

midnight in Auschwitz
piled shoes groping in darkness
to find their missing feet

dreams sunder like shoelaces
when morning tears you from bed

stumbling in darkness
six million shining stars
stricken from the sky

lighting candles one by one
to see where we must walk

Holocaust—
the unmoored boat
drifts toward darkness

Minecraft, Fortnite, Pokémon
anchor each daytime hour