The Fight Is Over

Nazi at the door

Rapid German

Sudden panic

Shoved around

Nowhere to run

Many people around us

Mama, Papa, Eliza and me

Friends from every street

Thrown in a train

Hot, humid

Sickness is everywhere

Darkness swarms over

Hours sitting

Suffocation

Confusion

Need food

Water

"Get out!"

Fall on the ground

Separated

Hair is gone

Stripped of our clothes

Number tattoo

169061

Backbreaking labor

Exhausted

Losing hope

Work for 12 hours

Food is scarce

Limited abilities

Papa's gone

Eliza's barely holding on

Mama's fighting

Months and months go by

Lose track of time

Weaker and weaker

Eliza's gone

Mama's losing it

Too weak to work

Desperate to keep going

Gas chambers

Go to sleep

Mama and I both

Scared like never before

Want the pain to stop
We are leaving now

Shivering
Doors slam
Time is running out
Nowhere to go
We hold each other tight
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- Ava Laffey