Precious Treasure Isabel Kehoe, Grade 8 St. Joachim Catholic School, Costa Mesa Teacher: Michelle Golden Survivor Testimony: Leon Weinstein

One of seven, with a wife and child Many friends near and far Tranquil home, and peaceful country Intact treasure Family broken, taken away Work is the only way to survive Sister died close at hand, crying for the sake of humanity Tarnished treasure Danger, lurking at every corner Daughter hidden away Money taken and his child abandoned Every outstretched hand, only a betrayal Broken treasure Daughter returned But to safety she must go A mother's child departed from her arms A wife killed by a Nazi's gun Shattered treasure War was gone, but so was his family His will was not broken, for his hope survived A search for his daughter, a child lost by war Searching treasure A daughter that seemed lost forever A search never to be complete, a heart never to be whole Suddenly familiar eyes appeared, a daughter in her father's arms again *Newfound treasure* 

As I listened to your story I felt the pain that filled your heart Everything they did to you, was because you were not like them I cannot imagine the horrors that you experienced, but I understand being different *Hidden treasure* I understand that sometimes people treat your differences like mistakes, Even if they are not Your differences make you special But many times we forget this *Unique treasure* I will not let hateful opinions define me I am not like them *Loving treasure* You did not have the choice to accept your differences, but I do I cannot pretend to be someone else, because already so many have been forced to do the same "I have found my precious treasure"