

A census

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we count  
we matter  
counting us  
by country  
numbered  
jew by jew  
all pass  
beneath their rod  
not just Poland's  
million three  
and some tens  
or is that hundreds  
of thousands more  
jew by jew  
Albania's two  
barely hundreds  
jew by jew  
they matter too  
by two  
our numbers  
known  
inscribed  
reckoned  
totaled  
and final  
to be sure  
never  
our names  
never  
our faces