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