

**“There Were Those”
Poem by Susan Dambroff**

**Vera Laska, Political Prisoner
The Power of Resistance**

There Were Those

There were those
who escaped to the forests
who crawled through sewers
who jumped from the backs of trains

There were those
who smuggled messages
who smuggled dynamite
inside breadloaves
inside matchboxes
inside corpses

There were those
who were shoemakers
who put nails
into the boots
of German soldiers

There were those
who wrote poetry
who put on plays
who taught the children

There were those
who fed each other

-Susan Dambroff

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