

## ***First They Came for the Jews***

by Martin Niemöller

First they came for the Jews  
and I did not speak out  
because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for the Communists  
and I did not speak out  
because I was not a Communist.

Then they came for the trade unionists  
and I did not speak out  
because I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for me  
and there was no one left  
to speak out for me.

### Points to process and discuss:

1. What type of poem is this?
2. What is the meaning of this poem?
3. What poetic device is used extensively here? Why?
4. What do you think was the poet's intent in writing this poem?

## ***First They Came For The Muslims***

by Michael R. Burch

First they came for the Muslims  
and I did not speak out  
because I was not a Muslim.

Then they came for the homosexuals  
and I did not speak out  
because I was not a homosexual.

Then they came for the feminists  
and I did not speak out  
because I was not a feminist.

Now when will they come for me  
because I was too busy or too apathetic  
to defend my sisters and brothers?