

Dared to be Different
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Your idyllic childhood ended as darkness fell over your nation
So you did what you must to endure

Your parents' love and devotion was cherished
And then you were on your own

The road you were about to travel
Would bring grave danger

But you refused to lose hope
You never gave up

False papers and a new name
Allowed you to get by

Until the day you were discovered and sent to jail
Your weakest moment, but not the end

A concealed photograph of your mother
Your most valued possession

Strangers who dared to be different
Kept you alive

A policeman with a tender heart
Hand-fed you so you wouldn't die

A landlord who suspected your identity
Looked the other way

A courageous woman
Shared her food rations and shelter

And your soulmate's relentless toil
Would one day reunite you

In the darkest times of torment and evil
The selfless gestures of others kept you going

You taught me that the power of love and kindness
Gives strength in uncertain times

Your story has inspired me during these difficult times
To be that person who dares to be different