**Shipment to Maidanek**  
Ephim Fogel

Arrived from scattered cities, several lands,  
intact from sea land, mountain land, and plain,  
Item: six surgeons, slightly mangled hands,  
Item: three poets, hopelessly insane,  
  
Item: a Russian mother and her child,  
the former with five gold teeth and usable shoes,  
the latter with seven dresses, peasant-styled.  
  
Item: another hundred thousand Jews.  
  
Item: a crippled Czech with a handmade crutch.  
Item: a Spaniard with a subversive laugh;  
seventeen dozen Danes, nine gross of Dutch.  
  
Total: precisely a million and a half.  
  
They are sorted and marked-the method is up to you.  
The books must be balanced, the disposition stated.  
Take care that all accounts are neat and true.  
  
Make sure that they are thoroughly cremated.

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