

Paul

his tears spoke volumes
over goulash and salad
we listened, entranced

tender child of eight
survived Budapest ghetto's
merciless Nazis

ninety starving Jews
stuffed in freezing two-room flat
slept while standing up

winter without shoes,
people robbed of their clothing
on the streets at night

lions kill to eat,
but wild beasts are not cruel
—that's a human thing



Photo: Paul at our dinner table 10 December 2022

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