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First They Came

by Martin Niemöller

First they came for the Communists

And I did not speak out

Because I was not a Communist

Then they came for the Socialists

And I did not speak out

Because I was not a Socialist

Then they came for the trade unionists

And I did not speak out

Because I was not a trade unionist

Then they came for the Jews

And I did not speak out

Because I was not a Jew

Then they came for me

And there was no one left

To speak out for me

Discuss these points:

1. What is the meaning of the poem? The moral?

(b) Should the speaker have spoken up or done anything? When? Why/why not?

(c) What are the connections to *Animal Farm*?

(d) Discuss Social Responsibility - what is it?

(e) What kinds of people normally have social responsibilities? What are their responsibilities?

(f) Do you have any social responsibilities? What are they?

(g) What does it mean to be a socially responsible citizen? Should everyone have social responsibilities or just important societal figures?