

In this universe
Large and vast,
We have hope for the future
And lessons from the past.

When children suffered,
Their lives would be saved
By a woman whose own
She almost gave.

Joining the Resistance,
Challenging “The Man,”
Irena took the challenge
To lend a helping hand.

One by one she took them in,
The children whom she’d place
With families who cared not
Of background nor of race.

Arrested by the Gestapo,
Then sentenced to death,

She was rescued by a group,
And she kept giving them her best.

She resumed her work,
So selfless and brave,
Awarded with a White Eagle
For the lives that she saved.