

Stolpersteine

Stolpersteine: brass plates, cast in concrete blocks, installed in front of the homes where victims of Nazi persecution last lived voluntarily.

Our city might have cried
but we were busy

digging.
Monuments take time.

And what is not bombed holds
its breath—no—

not a held back
scream, not Berlin,

not our city of gold
graves, baby stones

stumbling—one
to a name: Georg Krayn—

polished by the soles
of sensible shoes each

and every time
we look the wrong way.

—Benjamin Shalva