TO BE GERMAN:

Some Thoughts about National Identity

Gell me – What does it mean to be German?

(Dust I speak the language of Goethe or enjoy Wagner and Bach?

Should I sing "Einigkeit und Recht und Freiheit" with fervor or feel ecstatic each time a German football team ranks 1st place?

(Dust I believe that spanferkel is mouth-watering or that beer is the best invention to date?

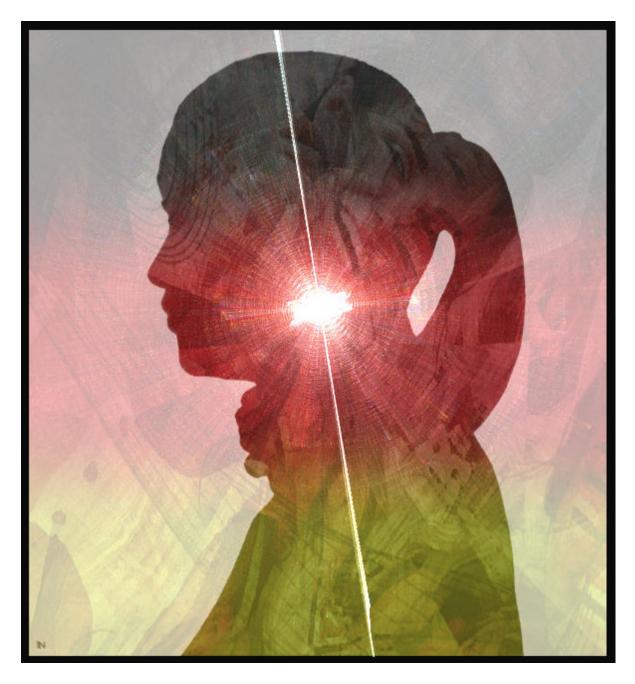
Should I confront the word "holocaust" personally or believe "European integration" is a matter of fate?

Dust I understand why November 9 is important & be familiar with all sixteen states?

Should I feel Caspar David Friedrich stands on par with Raphael & describe how Dr. Caligari was great?

Could I be indifferent to these? and yet still be «Deutschtum» entirely?

> Go be German what is required of me?



- *Anya:* Hmm. Adolph Hitler claimed to be the last true German.
- *Devani:* (shaking her head) That man was warped there was too much hatred in his heart.
- *Carlos:* In more ways than I prefer to acknowledge, I'm afraid that all of us are warped.

