

"**Deportieren**" is the German word for "to deport." Stephen Baird 2012-2016

Their houses are sold and their businesses shuttered,  
Their suitcases packed, and the train whistle blows.  
We're sending them East on a train fit for cattle.  
The soldiers just stare when they're asked where it goes.

The travelers come from our neighbors and classmates,  
Our teachers and merchants; no one may refuse.  
So why must these families all leave on today's train?  
The newspaper says it's because they are Jews.

Chorus: Auf wiedersehen, Moritz, auf wiedersehen, Anna, (Goodby, Moritz, goodbye Anna)  
Leb' wohl, Beate und leb' wohl, Johanna. (Farewell, Beate and farewell, Johanna)  
Am Ende der Reise, hat niemand einen Namen, (You won't have a name at the end of your journey)  
Vielleicht eine Nummer, vielleicht giftig Gas. (Perhaps a number, perhaps poison gas.)

The train leaves the station; we watch from our windows,  
The smoke from the engine's dispersed on the wind.  
And then, from the East, we see smoke once more rising  
As our friends and neighbors all come to their end.

Chorus: Auf Wiedersehen, Moritz.....

The tens grow to hundreds and hundreds to thousands  
And thousands to millions, whose smoke blocks the sun.  
When ashes are falling like snowflakes in summer,  
Shouldn't we ask ourselves what we have done?

Chorus: Auf wiedersehen, Moritz, auf wiedersehen, Anna,  
Leb' wohl, Beate und leb' wohl, Johanna.

Am Ende der Reise sind alle verschwunden, (At the end of the journey, everyone disappeared)

Hat niemand bemerkt, dass niemand zurück kam? (Did no one notice that no one came back?)

Ja, wir haben bemerkt, dass niemand zurück kam. (Yes, we noticed that no one came back.)