

## Abandon

"Families were made to move in two hours /  
Abandoning everything, leaving pets /  
And possessions at gun point."

To leave and never return to.

## Bitterness

"And I remember how careful my parents were /  
Not to bruise us with bitterness"

Unhappy and angry because of unfair treatment.

## Bruise

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Not to bruise us with bitterness"

A black-and-blue spot on the body or a dark spot on fruit  
caused by an injury or damage.

## Cattle

"(I hear there were people herded /  
Into the Hastings Park like cattle."

Cows, bulls, or steers that are kept on a farm or ranch for  
meat or milk.

## Evacuation

"What do I remember of the evacuation?"

To withdraw from a place in an organized way especially  
for protection.

## Herd

"(I hear there were people herded /  
Into the Hastings Park like cattle."

A typically large group of animals of one kind kept  
together under human control.

## Horizon

"And I remember the mountains and I was /  
Six years old and I swear I saw a giant /  
Gulliver of Gulliver's Travels scanning the horizon"

The line where the earth or sea seems to meet the sky.

## Insult

"And I remember the puzzle of Lorraine Life /  
Who said "Don't insult me" when I /  
Proudly wrote my name in Japanese"

To do or say something that is offensive to (someone).

## Possessions

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And possessions at gun point."

Things that are owned and belong to someone.

## Pretend

"I remember my mother wrapping /  
A blanket around me and my /  
Pretending to fall asleep so she would be happy"

To act as if something is true when it is not true.

## Scan

"And I remember the mountains and I was /  
Six years old and I swear I saw a giant /  
Gulliver of Gulliver's Travels scanning the horizon"

To look at (something) carefully usually in order to find someone or something.