

## Number 639: The British Refugee Committee

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639: A label hangs around my neck.  
Fleischmann. The British Refugee Committee  
Destination Liverpool Street Station.  
A brown broken label, with a missing piece  
and a misspelled word  
hangs on my neck.

639: this brown broken label with a missing piece  
and its misspelled word,  
in its imperfect whole, identifies me.

It hangs around my neck.  
and holds me in its thrall:  
Such evidence of conflict in reason,  
such pure dichotomy,  
such unbelievable oppositions,  
such diversities of meaning.  
So much illogical logic.  
Pure evil and so much good.

How can all rest so in one?  
But on my label, they do.  
639 is my number, my label.

My brown, wrinkled label with a missing piece  
and a misspelled word,  
In its imperfect whole, bears witness  
It hangs still on my soul  
But I am here to honor and celebrate us all.