

Through the Iron Curtain

With no English, Boris, 8-year-old huge,
ignored by neighborhood gang,
would push little Dennis to the ground.

Kids, mostly preschool, began
to holler, "Nyet, Boris, nyet!"
upon spying him from afar.

Grownup negotiations no use,
only more shoving from one side,
more taunting from the other.

Lori, on her sixth birthday,
at last, made it over the wall
by playing War with Boris.