



## Questions About “Daddy” by Sylvia Plath

In the second line of the second stanza, Plath expresses her hatred for her father. She writes, “You died before I had time—.” Had time for what? This is a turn because in the previous line she says she had to kill him. Why would she want to kill him but suddenly regrets not having time with her father?. This line raises the question of what happened to her father and what makes her hate him so much.

In the fourth and fifth lines of the seventh stanza, Plath starts to compare herself to a Jew during the time of the holocaust. She writes, “I began to talk like a Jew. I think I may well be a Jew.” Why is she comparing herself to a Jew and what does she mean that she is talking like one? The lines raise questions about what she felt that made her make that comparison and how her father fits into that.

This poem brings up questions about Plath and her relationship with her father. Throughout the poem Plath writes about killing her father and calls him Hitler. I am wondering why she does this and what he did to make her do this. The poem doesn’t really go into this because it is more about her thoughts and feelings towards her father than what he did to make her think and feel those things.