

928 – 201 = 727

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Cornelia Rau
Permanent resident
German Australian
 locked up, imprisoned
 held behind the wire
 shaken down in solitary
 denied human contact
 classified
'Lost'

Vivian Alvarez Solon
Aka Wilson Young
Australian citizen
 deported
 mislaid
by
Australian authorities
Who
knew not of her whereabouts
and, besides,
Privacy precludes them from
disclosing what they know
Little that it is
Despicable as it is
Shameful as it makes
Us
All

Howard X
taken into custody
Australian national
Detained
Despite
 four forms of Identification
 including
 driver's licence

With his son
three years old
left
at home
Alone

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The Immigration Minister
before a Parliamentary Inquiry
(rather late to enquire
still
better late than never)

At a Senate Estimates Committee
Inquiry
 reveals 201 cases
 come to light
Says more
may be coming

Out of 928 'detainees'
201 out of darkness
into light

The list
grows longer
of Australians
 excluded
 from
 the human contract
We believed
existed

In Australia
for Australians
wherever
 our place of origin
whatever
 our ethnicity
whomever
 our parentage
Dual nationality
or not

Meanwhile

'Our' Prime Minister

He

Who

 applauds 'our' system
 of translating
 refugees
 into

Criminals and non-persons

Locked up, Cooped up, Bound, Tied, Trembling
 making them

Illegal

simply

 by saying that it's so

Yet,

meanwhile

 this Prime Minister
 writes personal letters
 to the authorities
 in Indonesia
 over a white woman, anglo-Australian
 held in a Bali prison

White held by Black

There are no personal letters

No personal pleadings

No volunteering that

 being prisoned in Australia

In Australia's detention centres

Camps of concentration

Warrants care

And

 no trouble
 guessing why

In a Bali prison

Who's in charge?

No anglo-Australians

No white men

 without 'funny' accents
 without 'strange' visage
 without 'odd' facial features

without foreign language
Skills

'Our' Prime Minister
Writing letters
to the foreigners
about their goals
and whom they hold there
(So long as she's a prisoner bearing white coloured skin)

Yet in Australia
He
and we
Can take no credit for
Our prison camp conditions
Concentration camps
in the desert
in the heat
in the dark
in isolation

928 'detainees'
We've
Held

201
Now revealed as
Permanent residents
Australian nationals
Australian citizens

Australians, these
They're coming out

Thanks to Cornelia Rau's family
and the stupidity of a prison system
that denied her
Care

But then
928
minus
201
means
727 remaining

727

As far away as possible

figuratively or literally

in Baxter

Villawood

Marybrynong

Curtin (once)

Christmas Island

Noumea

201 freed, or at least being enquired into

727

Left

Where's the Prime Minister

To write

For them?

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