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Lucky #7

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LUCKY #7

The teacher with her frazzled halo of hairdo heresy
preaches, prophesizes how numbers are not coincidental
like genetics, politics, or birthdays and me
half-Jew girl born on the same day as Heinrich Himmler
7th of October 1974 to the present my
days are numbered, enchanted celestial solutions,
a moving mystery like Mann's Magic Mountain.
Seven deadly sins are no accident of broken mirrors or
crooked teeth crowded to the front of teacher's
mouth ready for an argument against Algebra,
but we're talking Pythagorean theorems and
I don't have that kind of energy since
the past 2 days my diet is water and Dexatrim,
inspected by #7, expires in 2007 but
by then I'll be all teeth, Auschwitz thin and
I won't argue, it's no accident.

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