Giant Leap by Sonia Weitz

Come, take this giant leap with me into the other world...the other place where language fails and imagery defies, denies man's consciousness...and dies upon the altar of insanity.

Come, take this giant leap with me into the other world...the other place and trace the eclipse of humanity... where children burned while mankind stood by, and the universe has yet to learn why ...has yet to learn why.

דברו לא קיים

Is it possible that my father misled me	כֵיצַד זֶה אֶפְשָׁר שֶׁאָבִי כֹּה הִטְעַנִי
My dear precious father, my father The Zadik	אָבִי הַצַּדִּיק, הַיָּקָר, הֶחָבִיב,
Who only taught me truth and honesty	אֲשֶׁר רַק אֱמֶת וְרַק יֹשֶׁר לִמְדַנִי,
Who never lied to me	אֲשֶׁר לֹא חִלֵּל בִּדְבַר שֶׁקֶר אֶת פִּיו,
Who hated lying more than death	אֲשֶׁר שְׂפַת מִרְמָה לוֹ שְׂנוּאָה מִמִּיתָה-
Is it possible that he so grossly misled me?	ּכֵיצַד זֶה אֶפְשָׁר שָׁאוֹתִי כֹּה הִטְעָה?
Throughout the entire time, he was begging me	אָמְנָם כָּל הַזְּמַן הִתְּחַנֵּן לְפָנַי:
Jump my son, jump out of the train	"תָקְפּּץ בְּנִי תִּקְפָּץ-נָא מִתּוֹךְ הַקּרוֹן
Jump my son maybe Hashem will be merciful with	תָקְפָּץ-נָא, אוּלַי יָחְנְךּ ה""
you Doos his vaige sound as weird because he is as	הַאָם מִצָּמָא בּוֹ נִחָר הַגָּרוֹן?
Does his voice sound so weird because he is so	קוֹלוֹ כֹּה רָסוּק מִין הִרְהוּר שֶׁל גּוֹסֵס

thirsty?	ָלְבִּי לְשָׁמְעוֹ בְּדָמוֹ הִתְבּוֹסֵס.
He sounds so brokensounds of a dying person	
My heart breaks just to hear his voice	
And again, "my son, I am too old and downtrodden	ר זָקֵן וְרָצוּץ "בְּנִי אֲנִי כְּבָר זָקֵן וְרָצוּץ
I can't join you.	אֱלֶיךָ, אֲהָהּ, לֹא אוּכַל הִלָּווֹת
You are still youngjust jump and run	ץוּתָרוּץ אַפָּץ וְתָרוּץ רַק תִּקְפֿץ וְתָרוּץ
Maybe you will have "Zchut Avot"	אוּלַי תַּעֲמֹד לְךָ, בְּנִי, זְכוּת אָבוֹת
If I join you, I will be your stumbling block,	הֵן רַק אַכְשִׁילְךָּ אָם לְךָּ אֶלָּוֶה
Jump, run and hide behind the bushes	תָקְפּׂץ וְתָרוּץ וּבַסְבַרְ תֵחָבֵא" אָרָרוּץ וּבַסְבַרְ תֵחָבֵא
The train flies from two side of the train	טָסָה הָרַכֶּבֶת מִשְׁנֵי הַצְּדָדִים
There's an endless dark forest	נְמְשֶׁךְ וְהוֹלֵךְ יַעַר עַד אַפְלוּלִי.
No air, puke, foul smell, screaming fears	מַחְנָק, קִיא-צַחֲנָה, יְלָלוֹת וּפְּחָדִים,
Dying people behind me and in front of me	פָּרְכּוּס גּוֹסְסִים מֵאַחֲרַי, מִמּוּלִי.
My father looks at me with a deep endless sadness	אָבִי מִסְתַּכֵּל בִּי בְּעֶצֶב אֵין סוֹף.
And I am hugging him:	אוֹתְךּ לֹא אֶעֱזֹב "!אָנִי מְחַבְּקֵהוּ: "אוֹתְךּ לֹא אֶעֱזֹב"
"I will never leave you", I screamed	
My father was silent for a moment and said Hurry up the train slowed down It's time to jump	שָׁתַק אָבִי רֶגַע, וּפֶּתַע בְּעֹז: מֵהֵר בְּנִי, מַהְלַךְ הָרַכֶּבֶת הוּאַט"

Hurry up, "I will jump after you" he was shaking	יַהַדֶּרֶךְ עַתָּה בַּמַּעֲלֶה עֵת לִקְפֹּץ!
And pushed me forcefully	בַּהֵר וְאַחֲרֶיךָ אֲנִי" הוּא רָעַד
Chanting Hurry, Hurry my son	יְדְּחָפַנִי בְּלֹחַ, "מַהֵר, מַהֵר בְּנִי!
To the bushes and I will come right after	יָשָׁר אֶל הַסְּבַךּ, וְאַחֲרֶיךּ אֲנִי"
This strength he had, where did he get if from?	
I jumped	הַכֹּחַ הַזֶּה לוֹ פָּתָאוֹם מֵהֵיכָן?
My heart froze and I screamed "where is Abba?"	קפַצְתִּי. לְבִּי גַּם קְפָא, גַּם סָעַר
I wasn't ready for this	אֵי אַבָּא? לָזאֹת לֹא הָיִיתִי מוּכָן:
My father, he did not fulfill his promise	אָבִי אֶת דְּבָרוֹ לֹא קיֵים. הוּא נִשְׁאַר
He remained on the train	דָבָר שׁוּב הָרַכֶּבֶת טָסָה בַּמּוֹרָד.
The train keep moving picked up speed	הְנֵּה כְּבָר מִמֶּנָּה סִימָן לֹא שָׂרַד.
And there is no sign of him at all.	1 7 Å 1/1 lå å 1 lå å 1 lå å 1 lä lit.