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Amidst the opening jubilation,
Sat in silent consternation,
Loathing the forced *gemutlichkeit*

(So-and-so among the alien corn, yes?)

'Til eyeball-speared by one jovial gladhander,
And agent of the inquisition.
Ansel's silent deadpan stare
Begets in that one outraged instant:

"What the hell you looking at?"
Sprecht der wight in dudgeon high,
Making for Ansel, woozy fire in his eye.

Nearby goodies rush to seal the puncture;
Ansel meekly slips away,
But must in penance wear always —
Or the duration of the good times —
Upon his sleeve a yellow star,
Upon his forehead ashes.