among ourselves in whispers. We closed our windows
door to school. At night we locked our doors and spoke
our shoes from the front porch. We did not send our chil-
ren to school. Our names from our neighbors. We bribe in
silence. We go and listened to the news of the war on the radio. We

For several days we stayed inside with our shades
would be safe. Our husbands
lived quietly and kept to ourselves. Our own husbands
are doing what we said. We were simple women who
led a simple life. In the hills and valleys, and in the
fields and forests. We were all happy.

There was talk of a hill. Some people being taken

The war began to reach us on the second day of