

MY VOTE

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They say I can't vote.

They say the decision is not mine.

They say I don't understand.

I guess they think they're being kind.

I wonder what they would say or think if they only knew that when they call the President "Our President", I want to Call him mine too.

If I never get the chance to Vote –
Pulling the lever, punching the card, or writing the name down.

I stay the same – dumb, misinformed, unchanged, unempowered.

That is what this world expects me to be.

But I want so much more - I want to be the most educated – the most informed – the most totally changed – the most totally empowered person that I can be when I vote.

I can make a difference and then I can say with pride,

"Not Yours, not theirs, but My President because I helped put him there."