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Voting

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If I don't, I elect to be silent.

It's a choice and a right, and I choose to exercise it.

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In a democracy, the people have a voice,

And as citizens, there's power in our choice.

Asserting power of the people's what a vote does.

When we vote, we pick someone to represent us.

We rarely get to vote directly on laws;

That's a direct democracy. When it comes to ours,

It's mostly representative: we pick who has our back,

And they make decisions about those laws on our behalf.

Voting's a right, but also a responsibility.

When more people vote, it betters our ability

To pick a government that represents the broadest range

Of Americans—what should change or stay the same.

Your vote's your voice; if you don't vote, you choose silence.

To be eligible, here's what's required:

18 or older, US citizen, non-felon,

Resident of the state where you cast your ballot.

It wasn't always this simple, far from it.

Early on, only white men were granted suffrage.

Long, hard fights got us where we are today;
The Suffrage and the Civil Rights Movement paved the way.
Yeah, don't let that work go to waste.
Mark your calendar for voting day.
It may be only one vote, but it's yours,
So hit the booth, and make your voice heard.

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Let's talk about turnout:
Half of eligible voters make their voice heard, wow.
That's in a good year; it's really not much.
Here's a look at opportunities we have to speak up:
Every four years, a presidential election,
The highest turnout of people making selections.
There's also midterms, when we pick who's in Congress,
Plus state and local to pick governors and state reps.
Don't just vote, be an informed voter.
Which issues do you care about? Education? Borders?
Research the candidates, their ideas and platform.
Watch debates, and make a decision as your opinion forms.
Then go vote, and proudly wear that sticker.
If you're out of town on voting day, you won't miss it.
An absentee ballot lets you vote remotely.
If you're 18 or older, then go register to vote, please!

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