

What I'm thankful for?

I am thankful for my country

I am thankful for my ability to call myself an American

I am thankful for the fact that I can pursue a career in any field I choose

That I can sustain my family with that career

I am thankful for my education

I can attend a public school safely and receive an exceptional education

But what I am most thankful for is my voice

Every day I wake up in this country I use my voice because I know the privilege it is to have one

I was born with this voice

I did nothing to earn it

But I know where it came from

The men and women who served and died for my voice

My father and grandmother that migrated for my voice

I use my voice to speak for those who were not born with this privilege because there is a girl in Afghanistan who is the same age as me, who would probably score higher than me on exams, who would probably write better poems. The difference is, that girl cannot attend school in fear of the Taliban. That girl will not get to vote for leaders that she feels represent her.

I am thankful that I can represent her with my voice

I am thankful for my country.