

THE WASTED VOTE

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**A vote that's cast is never wasted,
it's the act of freedom tasted.**

**Because a party names a name,
and another party does the same,
that's the choice they proffer.**

**Why should I vote for one or the other
if neither choice is friend or brother
to my beliefs or thoughts?**

**I trust, to me no one should utter, "wasted"
if I vote against HIS choice,
based on HIS affiliation
with the party of HIS choice,
when after all it's MY vote and MY choice.**

**If my vote tips the scale
for one or the other to prevail,
no matter; conscience satisfied,
freedom gratified.**

**When the choices are tweedle-dee and dum
is it to see how few will come?**

**If they buy the election, that's their bad,
the only thing that would be more sad,
would be for the voter to be remote,
would be for the voter not to vote.**

**The right to vote is never wasted,
never, never, never!**