

# Iowa Voters

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The first was fun  
The second game-changing  
The third brimful of idealism  
The fourth...

I miss my fire from the first three races  
The passionate belief that who I stood behind  
Stood for me  
Stood for something  
Stood at all

I miss believing that it will make a difference  
Misbelieving that one person  
Whether me or he or she  
Can make enough of an impact  
To fix the too many things  
that need fixing

The first was my vote on election day  
The second a thoughtful study  
The third found me as a delegate at caucus  
The fourth?

I stayed home.

