

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.

