

Thankful for the Past

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I am grateful for the air I freely breathe
I am thankful that I can peacefully coexist
For the feeling that I can overcome anything
By continuing my ancestors' fight
I am grateful for People of Color, without whom I couldn't read or write
I am thankful that I can utilize a pen to list all the freedoms I have
I know without doubt that if it weren't for them, I could not
I am grateful for the air I freely breathe
All the past conflicts that led to these circumstances.
Would life be different? Could I not have had what I have?
I can't imagine, not being able to live life with liberty
Thank you for opportunity
Thank you for the past
I am thankful for the past
Without these minor details that I don't often celebrate, what is here would not exist, I
thank you
I am thankful I am not deprived of what others suffered
Even so the deprivation is still the same in smaller groups.
But I will continue this fight, so I can truly speak and act thankfully.
Thankful, for the air I truthfully, freely breathe
Thankful I can peacefully coexist without a tingling hint of fear
I am pleased to be thankful for the past.