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RAISE THE VOLUME

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Remove the cars, I'll ride the bus;
You can't keep the volume low on us.
Block my way, I'll go around;
You can't hide our surround sound.
Censor what I write, I'll start making noises;
You can't erase our thoughts and voices.
Burn those books, I'll print all 4-letter words I know;
You can't cancel our TV show.
Cut off our hands, we'll use our toes;
You can't shut out what we already know.
It is our constitutionality
To read, and write, and have that ability.
Could you keep Ms. Parks from sitting down?
Could you halt Mrs. Stanton's movement?
Could you silence Aristotle, Plato or Democritus?
Remove the cars, I'll ride the bus
You can't keep the volume low on us.