

The Right to be Human

You have the right to remain silent,
Especially if you've nothing but cruelty to say.
Should you give up this right
Anything you do say is likely to be remembered and held against you.
And you will be judged by it, along with your actions.

You have the right to a conscience, and a heart.
If you cannot afford, or access these,
Then I feel truly sorry for you.
But don't worry unduly
Because there are plenty of people waiting to tell you
What to think
How to act
And who to be.
Waiting to twist and turn you to their will – which is stronger than yours.

Do you understand these rights as I have explained them to you?
With these rights in mind, do you still wish to speak?
Do you want to spew your nastiness,
And cast judgement over others?
Based on the things that you think matter
Like the colour of their skin,
The person they choose to love,
Or their number of working limbs?
I hope you resist the urge

Because I am human too.

And I have the right to live as I please
To think, and act, as I see best.
And I have the right to be treated
As well as you would want to be treated by others.
I have the right to love as I choose
And live a life that is safe, and filled with hope.
And the right to make the most of every opportunity
That comes my way. However hard I have to fight for it.
And I have the right to do this
Without your judgement
Or opinion
Or blessing
I don't need it, and it isn't welcome.

Ultimately, you have the right to **be** human
And the responsibility to **act** human too.
Try not to let your species down.

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