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the Vote // Lisa Hozey

For Luke, Blair, and Quinten

Assumption: People have eyes and can see.
Truth: People don't see a damn thing.
The highness of a heel can be the difference
between a whore, a young woman, and a child.
The tightness of pants can determine
economic status, race, sex, preference.

People who do question others' preference
often lack self-understanding. Don't you see
why people can't manage to determine
wrong and right in this wild world of mild grey
things?

*Why did you do this horrible act? we ask the child.
But we will never teach you the difference—*

that we whisper in our heads. What difference
does a person's presidential preference
make? Observation 2012: X-Child
is living in the hood. Note: He sees
no escape from his ghetto. Result: Things
go down, gun out, and X-Child dies. Determine

which president held the 45. Determine
what bill bought the bullets that made the
difference
between death and life. Question: What were the
things
lacking reason? *20-12 Race Preference!*

Vote your colors: [] red [] blue Funny: You see
[]black []white in your mind. What is X-Child?

You thought ethnicity. Answer: Dead. Child-
hood left covered in blood while you determine
heel heights, pant tightness, and candidates.

But see,

tomorrow will come for us. No difference
will be made. Do we have death day preference?
Regret dies yesterday. Happiness thinks things

die tomorrow. Stress wants today. What things
never really die? I wonder if X-Child

Ghost chose his pants and marked in his
preference

for the president. Can a ghost determine
the four-year purgatory? The difference:
being in a swing state. I wish people could see

the everything that they think they see.

Maybe that could be the difference for the dying
child

who got no preference in determining his future.