

I have value (poem by Zach K.)
I have value
despite what politicians and nonprofit puppets decide
I have value
beyond the barriers to access I find
I have value
beyond what labor my body cant sell
I have value
inside the zuckerberg hospital hell
I have value
beyond the inconvenience I cause
to street traffic and bus passengers that see me at odds
I have value
beyond the medications I need
to keep ahead one step of death next to me
I have value
that words like "opiate epidemic" ignore
I have value
curled up starving for air on the floor
I have value
in growth when my body decays
wisdom visits the sick
and recedes when there's praise
I have value
in survival, in empathy, not in "likes"
I am stronger than 10 men that
never felt chronic pain in their life
I have value
that's not monetary
not based on followers
or hashtags
I have value
that's intrinsic
the kind targeted ads can't get at
I have value
above the bigots
and the hospital forms
I have value
that cant be exploited as inspiration porn
I have value
that can't be tracked
on any mobile device
I have value
that exceeds federal funds used for ICE
I have value
in suffering, in helplessness, and in need
I have value
you can learn from
if you open
your heart
to receive

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