



# **My Vision for a Better Democracy**

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Anecdotes from my mother, we all have those  
She used to tell me a story, and this is how it goes  
She once met a woman in Pakistan, who had a democratic ambition  
But forbidden from voting because that was culturally a male tradition  
She was crying out for a voice, a caged bird  
Then she became the first female PM of her country, it was her time to be heard

Democracy for you may be a relationship between you and the government, a whole hearted exchange  
But my vision for democracy is about creating opportunities for positive change

So I volunteered for Girlguiding, seeing young girls prosper and grow  
That's what we should be broadcasting, a kinder politics, not what the media show

Let's break down the wall of ignorance, activate the voices of the voiceless  
Engage the disengaged, otherwise democracy is just noiseless  
Let's stabilise our democracy, grab it with both hands  
Advocate a pluralist democracy and articulate our plans  
Obama said we came to not fear the future, but to shape it  
So let's congregare and change the world, the way we see fit

Democratisation for the youth needs to happen fast  
Campaigning on votes at 16, that must be a thing of the past  
An unrepresentative Parliament? That's the status quo  
In subsequent times, a Parliament that resembles us, is one we need to know  
Promote a tolerant democracy, welcome refugees with open arms  
Fulfilling our humanitarian duties – that will just do no harm

There is more that binds us together than what tears us apart  
We may not share blood but we share the same passion in our hearts  
Dreams may be as fragile as glass that makes up a mirror  
But guess what? You can create your own reflection  
Shape our democracy in YOUR chosen direction  
Because democracy is for EVERYONE, not just the privileged few  
Regardless of your background, age or gender it has been created for me and you