

Yesterday you were asked to think of a rights struggle either going on now or in America's past.

Utilizing your notes from the "Harlem" assignment, brainstorm issues that you see as relevant today that you would like to see improve in the future:

- **Healthcare**
- **Gender Equality**
-
-

Lorraine Hansberry saw the issue of discriminatory housing practices as something that needed to be addressed and improved for people of color in the future. To address this issue, she used her strength with creative writing and wrote *A Raisin in the Sun*. She told the story through the perspective of those marginalized as they face racism and then took matters into their own hands with the aim of improving the future for themselves and future generations.

Your task is to write a futuristic, science fiction story wherein your chosen topic above is addressed and improved for future generations. For this creative writing assignment, you will compose a short story, short play, or a poem. *The stories we tell ourselves now shape who we become. Create the story, change the future!*

If

By Lily Grable

If we were the ones in charge,
You would have no say.
There would be no need for you,
So you'd go on your way.

If we were the ones in charge,
We would do it all ourselves.
You could just stay at home,
Cleaning and stocking shelves.

If we were the ones in charge,
We'd build the world up from the ground.
Restart it all with no trace of you,
Shh, don't you make a sound.

If we were the ones in charge,
We wouldn't have to put up a fight.
We wouldn't lie awake in bed,
Unsettled in the night.

If we were the ones in charge,
There wouldn't be wasted tears.
Ones from being held back,
For years upon years.

If we were the ones in charge,
Then we wouldn't be drowning.
Drowning in misery,
While you stare at us, frowning.

If we were the ones in charge,
Oh, how everything would change.
Dreams would be realities,
And goals within range.

If we were the ones in charge,
We would finally feel at peace.
Not searching the world,
Looking for that missing piece.

But were not the ones in charge,
And it is out of our control.
So the real question is,
Will it continue to take a toll?