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## **The Man at the Voting Booth**

Merriman Zajac

Concerned codger  
Bona-fide party-liner  
Longstanding, upstanding, dependable  
Serving his country with pride  
At the college campus voting booth

He carries his gray head  
With a distinct measure of calm pride  
He is like the old oak tree that his great-grandpa planted  
At the first family homestead  
In America  
The free land  
The man at the booth is a part of his homeland,  
Roots, branch, leaf.