

## ***Children of immigrants***

I am their voice

People are impressed when young children are bilingual

So are most children of immigrants, but not because we

Want to look smarter; it's because we are their voice.

Getting pulled out of school early because

Mom and dad need a translator and I am their voice

If they are angry I have to project that

If they are confused I have to make them understand

With the vocabulary of a 5th grader.

Overtime, you become your aunt's and uncle's and neighbor's voice

Also their electrician, their device technician as well as

the person who translates all types of government documents from the moment you can read

I am their voice

In an urban city built and ran by immigrants,

With so much wasted potential because they sacrificed everything so we could be something

I am getting an education to be the best version of what they never got to be

Because they have a lot to say and have amazing ideas so I will say it for them

Because I am their voice.

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