

The unanimous Declaration of the

thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human

events, it becomes necessary for one

people to dissolve the political bands

which have connected them with

another, and to assume among the

powers of the earth, the separate and

equal station to which the Laws of

Nature and of Nature's God entitle

them, a decent respect to the

opinions of mankind requires that

they should declare the causes which

impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident,

that all men are created equal, that

they are endowed by their Creator

with certain unalienable Rights,

that among these are Life, Liberty

and the pursuit of Happiness.--

That to secure these rights,

Governments are instituted among

Men, deriving their just powers

from the consent of the governed,

-- That whenever any Form of
Government becomes destructive of
these ends, it is the Right of the
People to alter or to abolish it, and
to institute new Government,
laying its foundation on such
principles and organizing its
powers in such form, as to them

shall seem most likely to effect their

Safety and Happiness. Prudence,

indeed, will dictate that

Governments long established should

not be changed for light and

transient causes; and accordingly

all experience hath shewn, that

mankind are more disposed to

suffer, while evils are sufferable,

than to right themselves by

abolishing the forms to which they

are accustomed. But when a long

train of abuses and usurpations,

pursuing invariably the same

Object evinces a design to reduce them

under absolute Despotism, it is their

right, it is their duty, to throw off
such Government, and to provide
new Guards for their future
security.-- Such has been the patient
sufferance of these Colonies; and
such is now the necessity which
constrains them to alter their
former Systems of Government.

O thou bright jewel in my

aim I strive

To comprehend thee. Thine

own words declare

Wisdom is higher than a

fool can reach.

I cease to wonder,

and no more attempt

Thine height t'explore,

or fathom thy profound.

But, O my soul,

sink not into despair,

Virtue is near thee,

and with gentle hand

Would now embrace thee,

hovers o'er thine head.

Fain would the heaven-born soul
with her converse,

Then seek, then court her
for her promised bliss.

Auspicious queen,

thine heavenly pinions spread,

And lead celestial Chastity along;

Lo! now her sacred

retinue descends,

Arrayed in glory from

the orbs above.

Attend me, Virtue,

thro' my youthful years!

O leave me not to the

false joys of time!

But guide my steps to

endless life and bliss.

Greatness, or Goodness,

say what I shall call thee,

To give an higher

appellation still,

Teach me a better strain,

a nobler lay,

O Thou, enthroned with Cherubs

in the realms of day!

Thy various works, imperial

queen, we see,

How bright their forms!

how deck'd with pomp by thee!

Thy wond'rous acts in

beauteous order stand,

And all attest how potent

is thine hand.

From Helicon's refulgent

heights attend,

Ye sacred choir, and my

attempts befriend:

To tell her glories with a

faithful tongue,

Ye blooming graces, triumph

in my song.

Now here, now there,

the roving Fancy flies,

Till some lov'd object strikes her

wand'ring eyes,

Whose silken fetters all the

senses bind,

And soft captivity involves

the mind.

Imagination! who can
sing thy force?

Or who describe the swiftness
of thy course?

Soaring through air to find
the bright abode,

Thi' empyreal palace of the
thund'ring God,

We on thy pinions can

surpass the wind,

And leave the rolling

universe behind:

From star to star the mental

optics rove,

Measure the skies,

and range the realms above.

There in one view we grasp

the mighty whole,

Or with new worlds amaze thi

unbounded soul.

23 Oh, love the Lord, all you

His saints!

For the Lord preserves the faithful,

And fully repays the proud

person.

24 Be of good courage,

And He shall strengthen your

heart,

All you who hope in the Lord.

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Almighty God, We make our

earnest prayer that Thou wilt

keep the United States in Thy

Holy protection; and Thou

wilt incline the hearts of the

Citizens to cultivate a spirit of

subordination and obedience to

Government; and entertain a

brotherly affection and love for

one another and for their fellow

Citizens of the United States at

large, and particularly for their

brethren who have served in the

Field.

And finally that Thou wilt

most graciously be pleased to

dispose us all to do justice, to love

mercy, and to demean ourselves

with that Charity, humility,

and pacific temper of mind

which were the Characteristics of

the Divine Author of our blessed

Religion, and without a humble

imitation of whose example in

these things we can never hope to

be a happy nation. Grant our

supplication, we beseech Thee,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Flawless his heart and tempered

to the core

Who, beckoned by the

forward-leaning wave,

First left behind him the

firm-footed shore,

And, urged by every nerve of

sail and oar,

Steered for the Unknown which

gods to mortals gave,

Of thought and action the

mysterious door,

Bugbear of fools, a summons to

the brave:

Strength found he in the

unsympathizing sun,

And strange stars from beneath

the horizon won,

And the dumb ocean pitilessly

grave:

High-hearted surely he;

But bolder they who first off-cast

Their moorings from the

habitable Past

And ventured chartless on the sea

Of storm-engendering Liberty:

For all earth's width of waters is

a span,

And their convulsed existence mere

repose,

Matched with the unstable heart

of man,

Shoreless in wants, mist-girt in

all it knows,

Open to every wind of sect or

clan,

And sudden-passionate in ebbs

and flows.