

Tell me, O Octopus, I begs

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Is those things arms, or is they legs?

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I marvel at thee, Octopus;

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If I were thou, I'd call me Us.

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The ant has made herself illustrious

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By constant industry industrious.

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So what? Would you be calm and placid

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If you were full of formic acid?

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God in his wisdom made the fly

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And then forgot to tell us why.

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A flea and a fly in a flue

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Were imprisoned, so what could they do?

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Said the fly, "let us flee!"

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"Let us fly!" said the flea.

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So they flew through a flaw in the flue.

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Now another day is breaking,

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Sleep was sweet and so is waking.

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Dear Lord, I promised you last night

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Never again to sulk or fight.

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Such vows are easier to keep

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When a child is sound asleep.

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Today, O Lord, for your dear sake,

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I'll try to keep them when awake.

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The people upstairs all practise ballet

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Their living room is a bowling alley

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Their bedroom is full of conducted tours.

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Their radio is louder than yours,

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They celebrate week-ends all the week.

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When they take a shower, your ceilings leak.

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They try to get their parties to mix

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By supplying their guests with Pogo sticks,

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And when their fun at last abates,

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They go to the bathroom on roller skates.

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I might love the people upstairs more

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If only they lived on another floor.

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In the long history of the world, only a few

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generations have been granted the role of

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defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger.

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I do not shrink from this responsibility—

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I welcome it.

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I do not believe that any of us would exchange

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places with any other people

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or any other generation.

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The energy, the faith, the devotion which we

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bring to this endeavor will light our country

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and all who serve it--and the glow from that

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fire can truly light the world.

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And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what

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your country can do for you—ask what you

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can do for your country.

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My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what

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America will do for you, but what together we

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can do for the freedom of man.

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Finally, whether you are citizens of America

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or citizens of the world, ask of us here

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the same high standards of strength

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and sacrifice which we ask of you.

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With a good conscience our only sure reward,

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with history the final judge of our deeds,

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let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking

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His blessing and His help, but knowing that here

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on earth God's work must truly be our own.

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Let us not wallow in the valley of despair,

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I say to you today, my friends.

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So even though we face the difficulties of

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today and tomorrow, I still have a dream.

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It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

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I have a dream that one day this nation will

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rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed:

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We hold these truths to be self-evident, that

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all men are created equal.

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I have a dream that one day on the red hills

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of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the

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sons of former slave owners will be able to

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sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

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I have a dream that one day even the state of

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Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of

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injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression

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will be transformed into an oasis of freedom

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and justice.

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I have a dream that my four little children will  
one day live in a nation where they will not be  
judged by the color of their skin but by the  
content of their character. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day down in Alabama  
with its vicious racists, with its governor  
having his lips dripping with the words of  
interposition and nullification, one day right  
down in Alabama little black boys and black

girls will be able to join hands with little

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white boys and white girls as sisters and

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brothers. I have a dream today.

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I have a dream that one day every valley shall

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be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made

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low, the rough places will be made plain,

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and the crooked places will be made straight,

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and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

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and all flesh shall see it together.

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This is our hope. This is the faith that I go

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back to the South with. With this faith, we

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will be able to hew out of the mountain of

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despair a stone of hope. With this faith we

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will be able to transform the jangling discords of

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our nation into a beautiful symphony of

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brotherhood. With this faith we will be able

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to work together, to pray together, to struggle

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together, to go to jail together, to stand up

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for freedom together, knowing that we will be

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free one day.

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This will be the day when all of God's

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children will be able to sing with new meaning:

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My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,

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of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died,

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land of the pilgrims' pride, from every

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mountainside, let freedom ring.

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And if America is to be a great nation, this

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must become true.

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And so let freedom ring from the prodigious

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hilltops of New Hampshire!

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Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of

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New York!

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Let freedom ring from the heightening

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Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!

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Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies

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of Colorado!

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Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of

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California!

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But not only that, let freedom ring from

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Stone Mountain of Georgia!

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Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of

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Tennessee!

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Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill

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of Mississippi!

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From every mountainside, let freedom ring!

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And when this happens, and when we allow  
freedom ring, when we let it ring from every  
village and every hamlet, from every state and  
every city, we will be able to speed up that day  
when all of God's children, Black men and  
White men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and  
Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in  
the words of the old Negro spiritual: Free at  
last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty,

we are free at last!

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"Dear God, I know I'm a sinner,

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and I ask for your forgiveness.

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I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son.

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I believe that He died for my sin

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and that you raised Him to life.

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I want to trust Him as my Savior

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and follow Him as Lord, from this day forward.

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I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen."

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If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus

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and believe in your heart that God has raised

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Him from the dead, you will be saved.

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For with the heart one believes unto

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righteousness, and with the mouth confession

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is made unto salvation.

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