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## Independence Day

### Proem

June 14<sup>th</sup> was Flag Day. June 21<sup>st</sup> marked the 224<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the *Constitution for the United States of America*.<sup>1</sup> The Barack Hussein Obama regime and, as he likes to refer to it, his White House did nothing to recognize the events. There was no mention of them. June 28<sup>th</sup> signaled the final phase of the destruction of the *Constitution for the United States of America* with the Supreme Court Ruling on ObamaCare, known by its legislative nomenclature as the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*. The decision by Chief Justice John Roberts that went in favor of the leftist, progressive, idiot judgeships now makes out of former American citizens, subjects of future regimes. Thank you Chief Justice (?) John (?) Roberts (!)! Your tenure will go down in history as the Roberts' Court ... that gave aid and comfort to America's enemies, the Company of Chicago Thugs, and helped them to destroy the *Constitution for the United States of America*.

How many more insults will Americans have to take from Barack Hussein Obama and the persons he somehow *reaches* with something in a Chicago-gang-like manner to blackmail someone into licking up where the sun never shines? There will be more of these licking activities coming in

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<sup>1</sup> This is the real title of the document that regulates American Freedom justly, ethically, and morally. For the complete discussion read this author's essay *The Constitution for the United States of America* at <http://www.colony14.net/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/theconstitutionfortheunitedstatesofamerica.pdf>.

the presidential campaign this summer. Hopefully, the EVILNESS that is Barack Hussein Obama will be defeated in November 2012, in spite of the fact that he will pull all registers – immorally, unethical, and criminal to win the election. It is not important for him that he goes by the law. Such a person without a soul and conscience is never law abiding because the goal is to win.

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### **Celebrate Independence Day on Independence Day<sup>2</sup>**

There is not much time left for the independence of the United States of America. With solemnity and pure pathos from the heart we American Patriots must take the opportunities that are available to admire our still vestiges of remaining independence. This next opportunity is the Fourth of July that is NOT an American holiday. Only progressives call it the Fourth of July. American Patriots know that it is Independence Day and that this nomenclature is the official title. Indeed, it is extremely important because it tells all persons that the celebration concerns INDEPENDENCE. The celebration is not about a day in July. Progressives would like Americans to place emphasis on the Fourth and not on Independence, because freedom is anathema to them. They are hooked on dependence, which is slavery to government. Progressives are incapable of honest work, but are extremely capable of exploiting those whom they want to pay for all progressive policies and self-declared needs. Independence is freedom, freedom guaranteed by the *Constitution for the United States of America*, which has

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<sup>2</sup> For information on how Independence Day came into being, the reader is referred to this author's essay *July 4, 1776* at <http://www.colony14.net/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/july41776.pdf>. Although the title of the essay is not Independence Day, the beginning paragraph of the essay makes the proper explanation.

been almost completely destroyed by Barack Hussein Obama and Mr. judicial narcissist John Roberts.

In 1893, the thirty-three-year-old Katharine Lee Bates (1859-1929), professor of English at Wellesley College, took a train journey from Boston, Massachusetts to Colorado Springs, Colorado. There she was engaged to teach a short summer college course at Colorado College. During the journey she saw several natural sites and man-made beautiful constructions that inspired her to write a poem: the vastness of the Mid-West, the Great Plains, Pikes Peak, and the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago with its alabaster buildings that gave the city the nickname of White City.

Originally, Katherine Lee Bates' poem was titled *Pikes Peak*. The reason is that when she was on that pinnacle the words began to flow through her mind. She started to memorize them and when she returned to the Antlers Hotel, she wrote them down on paper in their final form. Some amended versions appeared in 1904 and 1913.

The poem's first publication was in *The Congregationalist*, the Fourth of July Edition, in 1895. The original use was as an Independence Day poem. Herein the poem received the title *America*. The music to *America, the Beautiful* was composed by Samuel Augustus Ward (1807-1903), the church organist and choirmaster of Grace Episcopal Church in Newark, New Jersey. On a summer day in 1882, Samuel Augustus Bates and his friend Harry Martin had taken some leisure time and gone to Coney Island. Returning back to New York City on a ferry boat, the melody kept running through Ward's mind. Intent on not forgetting it, he asked his friend if he

could jot down the notes on his shirt cuff. He originally composed the tune for the Church hymn *O Mother Dear, Jerusalem*. Samuel Bates re-titled the hymn *Materna*. It remained this hymn until 1910, when Katherine Lee Bates' poem and Samuel Augustus Ward's music were combined and published. At this time the title became *America, the Beautiful*.<sup>3</sup> Samuel Augustus Ward and Katherine Lee Bates never met. Ward died in 1903 and Bates outlived him by twenty-six years

Throughout the past three to four generations there have been attempts to make *America, the Beautiful* the legal national hymn of the United States of America in place of *The Star Spangled Banner*, particularly during the democratic administration of John F. Kennedy (1917-1963; 1961-1963). (The reader can think of President Kennedy what s/he wants, yet it should remain in the reader's mind that it surely is interesting how Democrats want to change and re-write the meaning of American history!) The arguments for *America, the Beautiful* are claims that it is easier to sing, it has a better melody, musical arrangements are easier, and the music is easily recognized by everyone. Another criticism of *The Star Spangled Banner* is that it has too much war imagery. Of course, the national anthem has war imagery. It is a fact of the history of the struggle for independence that the Republic of the United States of America had to fight and sacrifice patriotic lives to gain its freedom from Great Britain in the American Revolutionary War and in the War of 1812. It was during this latter war that Francis Scott Key, an American poet, lawyer, and district attorney composed the lyrics to *The Star Spangled Banner* when he was forced to

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<sup>3</sup> Ace Collins, *Songs Sung Red, White, And Blue: the Stories Behind America's Best-Loved Patriotic Songs*, Harper, New York: 2003, p. 19.

watch the British ships bombard Fort McHenry during the Battle of Baltimore on the night of 13-14 September, 1814.

Below is the usual composition of *America, the Beautiful* in the key of D-flat (D $\flat$ ) major.

**5. America, the Beautiful**

This is a worth-Addition to our patriotic songs. The author is professor of English in Wellesly College. The Music, which is the well-known hymn tune "America." Was composed by an American, who died in 1913. This hymn to America should be sung with fervor and devotion, the refrain, "America, America," being especially marked.

Katharine Lee Bates Samuel A. Ward

O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, For am-ber waves of grain, For  
 pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties A-bove the fruit-ed plain. A-mer-i-ca! A-  
 mer-i-ca! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with  
 bro-ther-hood From sea to shin-ing sea.

2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet  
 Whose stern impassioned stress  
 A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
 Across the wilderness.  
 America! America!  
 God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
 Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
 Thy liberty in law.

3. O beautiful for glorious tale  
 Of liberating strife,  
 When valiantly for man's avail  
 Men lavish precious life.  
 America! America!  
 May God thy gold refine  
 Till all success be nobleness  
 And ev'ry man divine.

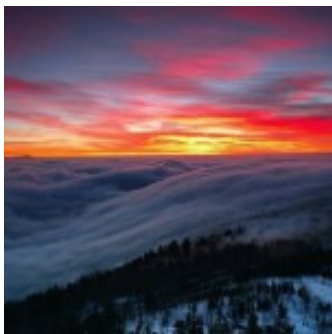
4. O beautiful for patriot's dream  
 That sees beyond the years  
 Thine alabaster cities gleam  
 Undimmed by human tears.  
 America! America!  
 God shed His grace on thee,  
 And crown thy good with brotherhood  
 From sea to shining sea.

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Respected American Patriot Readers! Take a few reflective moments and observe the following images while reading or singing the lyrics to *America, the Beautiful*. Allow them to have meaning.

*AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL*



O beautiful, for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,



For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!



America! America! God shed His grace on thee,



And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to  
shining sea.



O beautiful, for pilgrim feet  
Whose stern, impassioned stress



A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!



America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw;



Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law!



O beautiful, for heroes proved  
In liberating strife,



Who more than self their country loved  
And mercy more than life!



America! America! May God thy gold refine,





Till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain  
divine!



O beautiful, for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years,



Thine alabaster cities gleam  
Undimmed by human tears!



America! America! God shed His grace on thee,



And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to  
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I wish all American Patriots a meaningful Independence Day 2012. May  
such a day last forever!

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Patriotic, Steadfast, and True  
July 2, 2012.