

# *AMERICA – FOR NOW AND TO ENDOW*

Facing Chestnut in Independence Square  
First seats and first beats of Freedom born there  
Recall rights secured by sacrifice again  
To see that our goals are the same now as then.

The State House which now stands as Independence Hall  
The first seat of Congress, the Supreme Court, et al  
The Declaration of Independence adopted within  
With the aid of our countrymen, the God we trust in.

Inside those walls, given so long before now  
A heritage to cherish and to our children endow  
To so love and uphold for all after to learn  
That for what we have now, so many still yearn.

A People government: of, by and for  
Freedom, equality, justice and more  
Our unalienable rights, by which we set store  
Ensured with such principles forming the core.

Though our Liberty Bell so long now sits mute  
The truths which it pealed, we cannot refute  
So rally your heart, and pledge loud and clear  
We stand united for America, year after year.

➤ *Linda Fischer Bishop*