

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.

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