

# **Destruction** and Hope

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These United States, and territories too,  
citizens under the Red, White, and Blue.

This message is shared, for one and all,  
a warning, a lesson, a hopeful call.

For times are changing, we fear too fast,  
our God-given rights may not last.

There are many, who seek to take,  
by law, by crook, with fear outbreak.

Take a stand, fight for Freedom,  
before too late, block their treason.

Crime and punishment, go hand in hand

One is mayhem, sudden or planned.

The other is justice, for misdeeds,  
halting crime, before it proceeds.

When choice is made, to commit a crime,  
be well prepared, to do the time.

Do not be fooled, or be led to believe,  
that crime is needed, to achieve.

Those who live, a life of success,  
are rarely those, who'd cheat at chess.

We all are guilty, to some degree,  
of actions or thoughts of hostility.

Bad people everywhere, in all our lives,  
weapons of words, fists, guns, and knives.

Yes, even the Police, sworn to protect,  
can have a few, who go unchecked.

Perfection is not, a human trait,  
mistakes we make, help guide us straight.

But when a life taken, needless and sad,  
know the facts, before acting while mad.

Case in point, Floyd killed by cop,  
he knelt too long; his breath did stop.

Cop was wrong, arrested, and jailed  
protests grew, and riots unveiled.  
Floyd should not, have been killed,  
his life was far, from fully fulfilled.  
He'd been in trouble, many times before,  
but to die that way, too much to ignore.  
Policing is needed, to protect us all,  
but tactics used, need overhaul.  
Black or white, whatever the skin,  
blame and hate, will not yield a win.  
Peaceful protest, deliberation too,  
will bear change, many wish to accrue.  
Riots and looting, only bring pain,  
and often end, all the same.  
Across our nation, we face destruction,  
lives, buildings, entire city junction.  
Taken away, burned to the ground,  
to the roaring cheers, a riotous sound.

Leaving behind, cinders of crimes.  
scenes we have seen, too many times.  
Mid-century cries, peace and brotherhood,  
seem to have led, to nothing good.  
For here we are, decades gone by,  
hate and race, and media lies.  
Brought us only, more of the same,  
history repeated, lessons waned.  
Dr. Kings dream, seemed within reach,  
yet far right and left, created a breach.  
Voices of dissent, using hate for gain,  
feeding on those, with fickle brain.  
Deliberate plans, and collaborating press,  
building fear and causing distress.  
Telling stories, without real facts,  
rapes young minds, leaving them lax.  
Forth they follow, what they be told,  
marching in rhythm, as they controlled.

**By leaders who claim, to know what is best,  
while keeping their secrets, close to chest.**

**They promise to help but steal instead.  
getting rich, while robbing us dead.**

**With our money, in greedy hands,  
they fund the message, across the land.**

**“Rise up and protest, one and all,  
with our message, heed the call.**

**We must fight for what is right,  
Socialism within our sight.”**

**Yes indeed, they do envision,  
our Nation turned to Socialism.**

**Where power is held in hands of few,**

**We the People, treated like Sioux.**

**Slowly losing our God given gifts,  
at their whim, as fascism shifts.**

**Both major Parties’, far extremist ends,  
are aiming for, the same dividends.**

**Our homes, our lands, our livelihood,  
American dreams, stolen for good.**

**No freedom to gather, lest you be told,  
no freedom to speak, opinion must hold.**

**No religion, but that which you are taught,  
while trained to follow, what you ought.**

**No chance to protect what you may own,  
when right to arm, is overthrown.**

**Doubt you might, what here be said,  
but for these freedom's, many have bled.**

**Once they be lost, by vote or force,  
We the People, lose recourse.**

**For those in power, have last say,  
when Socialism rules the day.**

**What might we best, be doing instead?**

**Rising together, one voice be spread!**

**A Nation of humans, all colors, and types,  
raise our banner, the stars, and stripes.**

**Speak of freedoms and pray to God,  
let all hear us and leave them awed.  
Let those who seek, to destroy our nation,  
know We the People, have valuation.  
Yes, our Government is off the rails,  
Only because, ourselves have failed.  
Civics and history's, lessons were lost,  
directly leading toward great cost.  
Start with those, publicly elected,  
demand they all, should be instructed.  
Then tested and held, to a high degree.  
to know the truth, our Nation's pedigree.  
Make no mistake, no office holder stays,  
who does not attain, passing grades.  
Our Constitution, sworn to uphold,  
they must know, their control we hold.  
Our Government, for and by the people,  
We the citizens control the steeple.**

Yes, local elected, to the Oval Office,  
We will hold them, to what they promise.  
No person gains power, without our vote,  
the next election, we will demote.

Civics and history, we too must learn,  
else we cannot hold them, to our concerns.

No more shall we let, extremist views,  
cloud our thoughts and control the news.

Truth be taught, and strongly known,  
Our freedoms secured; their cover blown.

This is America, strong and proud,  
God given Rights; we are endowed.

We hold these truths, demand respect,  
Else we choose, to never elect.

Remember what learned, of history past,  
That darkest of days, need not echo aghast.

Let them be known, studied, and held,  
In hearts and minds, and onward impelled.

**Freedom for some, at end of Revolution,  
While others still, in persecution.**

**America to truly be, the land of the Free,  
end hate, prejudice, and let the world see.  
King's dream, "A symphony, of Brotherhood",  
we will finally achieve, hold onto for good.**

**If you see hate, face it with care,  
Stand and be known, make them aware.**

**If crime is happening, make the call,  
do the right thing, it helps us all.**

**If life is in danger, step in with aid,  
Good Samaritans need not be afraid.**

**If ever confronted, by shield or badge,  
it is best to comply, do not argue or cadge.**

**If innocent, you will be on your way,  
if guilty, who knows, have a place to stay.**

**Morals of this story, there are more than one,  
they are what follows, before this is done.**

**Be kind, considerate, and stay well out of trouble,  
or problems with law, might just be double.**

**If you decide, to campaign for election,  
tread forth with caution, lies apt to detection.**

**If you choose a career, in fighting crime,  
be the best at humanity, a paradigm.**

**History repeats, only when ignored,  
learn it well, before looking forward.**

**Live a life full of compassion and kindness,  
lead with a smile, and always politeness.**

**For those who listened to the end,  
I thank you all, please recommend.**

**Share this message, spread it far and wide,  
and those who hear it, let it be your guide.**

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