

## **Against the Night**

(We have failed our children)

**We, as a nation, are failing our children, and because of this failure, the brightness of their future and ours is slipping away. As a people we will surely be diminished, for our children do not know the value of liberty. We have not taught them.**

**Our sons and daughters have grown up in a world purchased by the sacrifices of generations of free men before them, a world where freedom flows like water. In their innocence, how could they know that a thing so rare can be made to seem so unimportant simply because it is “given to them” in such abundance?**

**Our nation needs an epiphany. We need to fully comprehend the immensity of our great good fortune, to understand that in all the vastness of time and space, in all of history, there has never been any other place like America.**

**America has been the light of the world, a place for those who long for freedom and the right to make their dreams come true. She has been “the dream” that made all other hopes and dreams seem possible.**

**But our children have not been taught what freedom means. They do not understand that liberty is a rare and fragile thing that must be renewed and protected by each generation. They do not comprehend that the darkness is everywhere. It is the light that is unique. Darkness is, after all, simply the absence of light. Oppression is the absence of liberty.**

**How precious it is, this one small candle we hold against the night.**

**In the whole dark world of greed and human subjugation only once has a nation truly ruled by the will of free men flourished... only once.**

**Should this hope die, should we let her flame go out in the hearts of our children, who knows if it will ever burn again?**

**Governments do not grant liberty. They take it. Liberty and justice can only be grown and nurtured individually in the hearts of men set free.**

**But how will our children know? We have not taught them. We have given them over to a society steeped in the propaganda of political correctness where our God-given individual freedoms must always yield to “consensus” and where you and I are seen as parasites feeding on “Mother Earth.” Each day we send our innocents out into a world where they are being taught that “There is no God but Government,” where they are immersed in a worldview which teaches that, in the greater scheme of things, a man is less important than a minnow.**

**From Mao to Stalin, to Hitler, to the UN’s dream of “One World Government,” all modern tyrants have understood that to control the future one must control the beliefs of its children. Great nations, and great peoples, have thus been overcome and destroyed.**

*“Let me control the textbooks and I will control the state. The state will take youth... and give to youth its own education and its own upbringing. Your child belongs to us already....what are you?”... Adolph Hitler.*

**Our nation is under attack. The battle is for the minds of our children and the soul of our republic. Once again tyrannical powers arrogantly pose the question, “Compared to us, what are you?” Our answer must forever be- we are the “Land of the Free.”**

**We must fight to preserve the “Torch of Lady Liberty.” How precious it is, this one small candle we hold against the night. Teach your children. Fill their souls with dreams of freedom. If you do not teach them your values, someone else... will teach them theirs.**

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