

For Stewart from Robert  
On the Day Jan 20 1961

DEDICATION

*Summoning*

~~and~~ artists to participate

In the august occasions of the state

Seems something for us all to celebrate.

This day is for my cause a day of days,

And his be poetry's old-fashioned praise

Who was the first to think of such a thing.

This tribute verse to be his own I bring

Is about the new order of the ages

That *in* the Latin of the founding sages

God nodded His approval of as good.

So much those sages knew and understood

( The mighty four of them were Washington,

John Adams, Jefferson, and Madison ) -

So much they saw as consecrated seers

They must have seen how in two hundred years



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They would bring down the world about our ears

By the example of our Declaration.

~~It made~~ ~~the~~ ~~least~~ ~~tribe~~ ~~want~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~a~~ ~~nation~~.

New order of the ages did they say?

The newest thing in which they led the way

Is in our very papers of the day.

Colonial had been the thing to be

As long as the great issue was to see

Which country <sup>?</sup> ~~it~~ be the one to dominate

By character, by tongue, and native ~~trait~~ trait

What Christopher Columbus' <sup>find</sup> ~~voyage~~ found. <sup>first had</sup>

The French, the Spanish, and the Dutch were downed,

The <sup>were</sup> all were counted out: the deed ~~was~~ done:

Elizabeth the first and England won.

Of what had been for centuries the trend

This turned out the beginning of the end.

My verse purports to be the guiding ~~chart~~ chart

~~to the greatest triumph~~ <sup>the only</sup> ~~it was ours to start,~~

<sup>the only</sup> ~~to the old turning it was ours to start~~



The turbulence we're in the middle of  
~~The turbulence we're in the middle of~~

And in it have no unimportant part.

~~The wreck we stood there in the middle of~~  
~~was something that we almost had to love.~~  
 stand here ~~The turbulence we're in the middle of~~  
 we can hardly help but love  
 we can hardly help but love

Some poor fool has been saying in his heart

Glory is out of date in life and art.

Our venture in revolution and outlawry

~~was glorious and nothing but a glory.~~

It has justified itself in Freedom's story

Right down to now in glory ~~and~~ where glory

I sometimes think that all we ask is glory