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Blue stars
 Red stripes
Rifles firing in broad daylight

Look to glory
 Head for home
Children hungry and all alone

Pride in patriots
 Long may we hail
Too many young men locked up in jail

Angels of mercy
 Sent from above
Mothers and children left without

 Love
 Thy neighbor
 Love
 Thyself
 or else

Few survive

Drive by shootings
 Drive through food
Moving too quickly to be any good

Homeless people
 living under a bridge
Don't ever forget about Ruby Ridge
 Or Ruby Dee and Ossie telling us
 The Truth

Cold and coatless
 Scavenging for food
No sense of self – can't be any

 Good
 For nothing

Bombs exploding
 Brick and mortar fly
 By church crosses

 When did religion die?

Babies in the Daycare
Thought to be safe
Anguished parents wring their hands and
wait
for news of death
And dying
Assisted

Malcolm murdered
like Martin and Jack
Better have somebody watch your back

Welfare's over
No one adopts
Wrap babies in plastic and
Drop them in the
Trash
Talk
Trash
Walk
Trash
blowing in city parks

Gangsters rappin
Hoodlums die
Mothers close their eyes and cry
Where did I go wrong
My God
I washed and fed and worked
day and night
out of sight
out of mind
out of time
out of life
But I tried
to do my best
For my family
tree
uprooted
and blown across
oceans and
Time
to a land
now mine
To have
and to
Hold

Til Death do us
part
of the whole plan
to save man
Kind
of like a
Vision of
Beautiful America
Rich, strong and Proud
Sing it often,
Sing it loud and
Clear
So everyone may hear
From purple mountains Majesty
To lofty heavens and
Deep blue sea of
Despair and Hope
And promise of a
Dream revoked
America, of Thee I sing.
Great Land of Liberty!

