

Patriot Act 2

It was a bright and pleasant midweek afternoon,
Two men were talking of the sunset coming soon.
They spoke with loud voices and strong conviction
But neither could overcome the political friction.
These men weren't ordinary Americans, take heed,
Both were political figures indeed.
Politicians of the powerful kind
Whose misleading jargon leaves the rest of us behind.

One man with glasses and silver-colored hair
Wore expensive apparel that was red everywhere.
He organized plans to postpone the sunset
And make permanent the Act without one regret.
As House Judiciary Committee Chair
He had the power to be heard everywhere.
But this wasn't a decision for us Americans to make;
It was a vote for only Congress to take.

To refuse the proposition was man number two
Who was dressed in attire that was everywhere blue.
He spoke of this Act, its provisions and laws.
He aimed to shed light on its serious flaws.
"Some sections breach Civil Liberty
Like, for example, 203(b) and 203(d)!
To share information so frivolously,
Now I must ask how patriotic would that be?"

"This is the time," said man number one
"To stop terrorism before it's begun!
Because of the sunset of the provisions that be,
We must take action and change permanently.
Do you see the urgency of prolonging this Act?
Without it how can we keep security intact?
We must unite and strengthen America now;
I tell you this is the only way how!"

"How can you say," began man number two,
"This Act is just?--It's simply not true!
Civil libertarians and normal citizens around
Are protesting and fighting this Act to the ground!
Municipalities resist and organizations too.

Like Arcata, California and the ACLU!
Bookstore owners and librarians alike
Resist 215, they threaten to strike!"

"Don't be a fool!" Yelled the man red.
"Section 215 would have saved 56 dead!
In London this July, remember the horror?
Well it turns out, the bombers shopped at the same bookstore.
This is the kind of preventions the Act makes
It guides us towards appropriate actions to take.
I stand firmly behind this bill I've presented
I do not care by how many I'm resented!"

The man in blue would not give up his fight.
It is important, he thought, to stand up for what's right.
"There are too many sections of this Act that won't do
Would you want section 213 done to you?
Just think, a "sneak and peek" in your home while you're away,
Not one American will stand for this, I say.
If Congress votes yes, help all women and men,
Please, not another Patriot Act again!"

With this the two men turned in a huff
For the moment, between them, enough was enough.
But now it is time for *us* to take action,
Speak up, be loud, and organize a reaction.
If you've lost hope and aren't sure what to do,
Simply contact the ACLU.
It'll guide you in strong actions to take
Remember, it's *your* freedom at stake.