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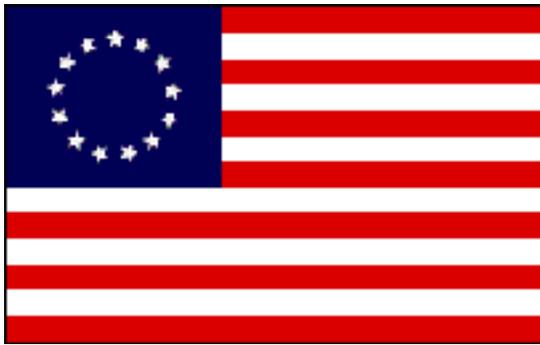
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Independence is celebrated in this month of July. Revolutions began fueled by popular uprisings against tyranny in America and France, more than two hundred years past. Some say, that the Declaration of American Independence is under attack in these new times of suspicion and fear. Roarshock Page shares those concerns, and asks you to consider whether or not you do too.



TO ANACREON IN HEAVEN

The
ANACREONTIC SONG

as Sung at the Crown and Anchor Tavern in the Strand
the Words by

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SOCIETY.

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1

To ANACREON in Heav'n, where he sat in full Glee,

A few Sons of Harmony sent a Petition,

That He their Inspirer and Patron wou'd be;

When this Answer arriv'd from the JOLLY OLD
GRECIAN

"Voice, Fiddle, and Flute,

"No longer be mute,

"I'll lend you my Name and inspire you to boot,

"And, besides, I'll instruct you like me, to intwine

"The Myrtle of VENUS with BACCHUS's Vine.

2

The news through OLYMPUS immediately flew;
When OLD THUNDER pretended to give himself
Airs_

If these Mortals are suffer'd their Scheme to pursue,
The Devil a Goddess will stay above Stairs.

"Hark! already they cry,

"In Transports of Joy

"Away to the Sons of ANACREON we'll fly,

"And there, with good Fellows, we'll learn to intwine

"The Myrtle of VENUS with BACCHUS'S Vine.

3

"The YELLOW-HAIR'D GOD and his nine fusty
Maids

"From HELICON'S Banks will incontinent flee,

"IDALIA will boast but of tenantless Shades,

"And the bi-forked Hill a mere Desart will be

"My Thunder, no fear on't,

"Shall soon do it's Errand,

"And, dam'me! I'll swinge the Ringleaders I warrant,

"I'll trim the young Dogs, for thus daring to twine

"The Myrtle of VENUS with BACCHUS'S Vine.

4

APOLLO rose up; and said, "Pr'ythee ne'er quarrel,

"Good King of the Gods with my Vot'ries below:

"Your Thunder is useless_then, shewing his Laurel,

Cry'd. "Sic evitabile fulmen, you know!

"Then over each Head

"My Laurels I'll spread

"So my Sons from your Crackers no Mischief shall
dread,

"Whilst snug in their Club-Room, they Jovially twine

"The Myrtle of VENUS with BACCHUS'S Vine.

5

Next MOMUS got up, with his risible Phiz,

And swore with APOLLO he'd cheerfull join_

"The full Tide of Harmony still shall be his,

"But the Song, and the Catch, & the Laugh shall
bemine

"Then, JOVE, be not jealous

Of these honest Fellows,

Cry'd JOVE, "We relent, since the Truth you now tell us;
 "And swear, by OLD STYX, that they long shall entwine
 "The Myrtle of VENUS with BACCHUS'S Vine.

6

Ye Sons of ANACREON, then, join Hand in Hand;
 Preserve Unanimity, Friendship, and Love!
 'Tis your's to support what's so happily plann'd;
 You've the Sanction of Gods, and the FIAT of JOVE.
 While thus we agree
 Our Toast let it be.
 May our Club flourish happy, united and free!
 And long may the Sons of ANACREON intwine
 The Myrtle of VENUS with BACCHUS'S Vine.



Anacreon, Bacchus, and Amor
 painted by Jean Léon Gérôme (1848)

Notes on the Text:

"sic evitabile fulmen" roughly translates to "this repels thunderbolts" (It was a common Roman belief that laurel provided protection from lightning.). "fusty" = close or stuffy, old-fashioned, of stale wine. "phiz" = facial expression. "risible" = pertaining to laughter. "swinge" = beat, flog, or chastise. The Anacreontic Song was written for the Anacreontic Society. This London gentlemen's club was named after the Greek poet Anacreon (c. 570-485 BC), who was known for his poems on love and wine. The words are credited to Ralph Tomlinson (fl. 1780), and the tune is commonly attributed to John Stafford Smith (1750-1836). The tune is most famous for its use with Francis Scott Key's *The Star Spangled Banner* (the national anthem of the United States.) The above version of the lyrics is from the second edition published c.1782. The first of the four pages of this edition is blank. The second page contains the first verse with the music for solo voice. The third page contains the 4-part chorus (the last two lines of the first verse), as well as verses 2-6. The final page contains the music for the first verse again, both for guitar, and for German flute. In the presentation above, the lyrics for the first verse have been formatted to follow the presentation of the other five in the original. Also, the use of f and s has been modernized. Notes from: www.potw.org/archive/potw234.html (Cheers!)

JULY ALMANAC

- 7/2 1566 LAST QUARTER MOON
Nostradamus died.
- 7/3 Dog Days begin.
- 7/4 INDEPENDENCE DAY (U.S.)
- 7/6 EARTH AT APHELION
- 7/7 1887 Marc Chagall was born.
1940 Ringo Starr was born.
- 7/10 NEW MOON
1871 Marcel Proust was born near Paris.
1947 Arlo Guthrie was born.
1991 Boris Yeltsin took office as Russia's first ever popularly elected leader.
- 7/14 1912 Woody Guthrie was born.
- 7/17 FIRST QUARTER MOON
1918 Russian Czar Nicolas II and his family were murdered by Bolsheviks.
- 7/18 64 Nero fiddled while Rome burned.
- 7/19 1948 Keith Godchaux was born.
- 7/20 1947 Carlos Santana was born.
- 7/21 1796 Robert Burns died.
1899 Ernest Hemingway was born.
- 7/23 1904 Ice cream cone was invented.
1980 Keith Godchaux died in a car wreck.
- 7/24 FULL BUCK MOON
1847 Brigham Young and followers arrived at Salt Lake, Utah.
- 7/25 1978 World's first "test tube baby" was born.
- 7/26 1943 Mick Jagger was born.
- 7/27 1977 The Grateful Dead's "Terrapin Station" album was released.
- 7/30 1818 Emily Bronte was born.

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