

## HOMELAND SECURITY

This world isn't paradise, nor is it hell,  
yet bad news is always what hits the front page.  
The pro's and the con's aren't performing too well,  
for cons who are pros have absconded the stage.

Sin strangles our land in its stifling embrace  
and foils the future of national life!  
Is it any wonder, the evils we face,  
when greed is so rampant, hypocrisy rife?

No protest, or sit-in, or party-led vote  
can introduce virtues where vices won't budge.  
Why platforms of peace and reform never float?  
Our nation's boycotting its heavenly Judge!

But there's a solution, the key to it all:  
renewing our "*pledge . . . under God*" in our schools,  
in Congress, the White House, in every town hall,  
in courtrooms, big business, and media's tools.

We don't need more mouthing of God-talk today,  
but leaders devoted, as statesmen of old,  
who had godly standards and knew how to pray  
to Him Whose Commandments they swore to uphold.

Unless we recapture those patterns somehow,  
with godlessness banished by worshipful ways,  
the Slip-N-Slide ride is our metaphor now:  
we'll spin in a daze, till we crash in our craze!

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