THE POETRIE GALLERIE

LIBERTY LADY

I often wonder how things would be,
proud statued Lady of Liberty,
if you were standing holding high
your freedom torch against the sky
when slave ships pierced our eastern shores
with men inn chains who were free before.
Would you have frowned with great disdain
for wretched deeds so inhumane?
I know that you would scorn such deeds
from men who had no love or creed.

Upon your pedestal you stand,
a tribute to this youthful land.
A monument on the sea of time
with open arms to all mankind.
A state of freedom without fear;
a land that all men can hold dear.
Would you have cried when men in ships
had freedom only on their lips?
I know that you would not allow
such fate for humans who had to bow.

You hold your torch of freedom high,
a candescent light up in the sky
of brotherhood and stars and stripes,
you stand so tall, a beacon light.
A place to welcome every man
you beckon all to this great land.
Would you have shed a wistful tear
for slavery's bondage through the years?
I know that you could not sustain
with men in bondage and in chains.

Upon your head of copper spikes,
a golden crown of freedom's light.
A burst of sunray in your hair
lets all the world know you are there.
A conquest for the right of men,
Old Glory flying in the wind.
Would you have hung your head in shame
to see so many bodies maimed?
I know that you would not comply
to see so many humans die.

You stand so tall for all to see,
a harbored haven of security.
The broken shackles around your feet
support your hate of tyranny.
Your loose robe draped in dignity,
in graceful folds of democracy.
Would you be proud to stand so tall
when black men had no rights at all?
I know that you would not concede
to so much hate and so much greed.

And yet my faith in you is sound;
nowhere on earth is freedom found.
One nation bold and great and free
with past mistakes, a learning tree.
Where all men have their civil rights
and stand together with their might.
Would you not smile against the sun
to know that race and creed are one?
I know you would be glad to see
all men have pride and dignity!

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The Black Individual

In a world where people
don't understand
what freedom means and how far
we've travelled as a race
it is hard for black people to live and others
to know who you are and
where you are going in life
but, no matter what the words of
another are—
you can be your own person
someone with style and personality
a person who can say and do
things worthwhile
your smile can bring laughter
to the face of one with troubles in life
Your encouragement to live
today and succeed tomorrow
and be proud of where you are going
and conquer your own future
in a confused world
lets others know that as a
black person today
you can make it okay
and in a world of people
who don't understand
you will be seen one day
as an bright and beautiful individual
your own person and proud of where you
came from and how far you have travelled
as a black person.

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An Answer For A Cancer

Injustice
injustice
injustice
a cancer!

Justice
justice
the only
answer!

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Friendship is a Treasure!

Friends make our world more beautiful than words alone can tell , they stand beside us through our joys and through our tears as well, they reach for us without stretched arms when we're about to fall, and make us feel that we're worthwhile when no one cares at all, they have a hundred different ways of showing you that they care, and this makes friendship priceless as a gift. A treasure Rich and Rare.

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WHY DO I ALWAY FAIL?

Teacher, please tell me,
Why can't I be what you want me to be?
I try and I try, but I never seem to get things
right most times I end up in a fight.
Teacher, do you love me,
I mean do you really care, or
am I just another student for you to tolerate
and bare?
Oh, I wished you loved me as much as you did
the other boys and girls,
then maybe, just maybe, they would say
I could play with them one day.
Why, why, why can't I be what you want me
to be?
I fail at everything you see.
I really don't think my mom and dad even
love me.
I'll erase the board, empty the garbage can!
I'll do anything you say,
but please, please treat me special
like you treat the other boys and girls each
day.
What, what did you say?

teacher did you say. that you **love me** in a
very **special** way?

Teacher thank you so very much. I'll try, I'll try,
really hard to make you always feel this way.
Oh teacher, I didn't fail today
I've become a success because of this special
day.

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Your Beauty Consultant

Betty Guy Will

"How do you get the best buy in a perfume?"—J.A. Brown, Inglewood CA
"Tell me about perfumes and fragrance, I really don't know much about them"—E. Simpson, Louisville, KY

FRAGRANCE

From the earliest records of civilization, fragrances have been used to create an aura of mystery and sensuality. Frankincense and Myrrh were highly prized in the ancient world and were mentioned in the Bible.

Perfumes have been found in the tombs of the Egyptian pharaohs who lived 3,000 years ago, and Cleopatra used the sensuous aroma of rose petals in her barge to seduce Mark Antony.

More than any other people, the French know how to extract the perfumes of exotic flowers and fruits and blend them into mysterious scents. There are dozens of delightful fragrances which you can make a part of your beauty ensemble.

If you are young and full of life, you can use any and all of the perfumes, even the strong musky ones, but if you are in the midstream of life, you can afford the better, exclusive imported fragrances, so you don't have the aura of everyone else. Sophisticated women like the fragrances that Royal families use.

Women buy fragrances "to feel better, happier and gives more self confidence." When you step out in a chic new outfit, wearing an extrordinary fragrance, a special touch is added that enhances your well being.

Sometimes a perfume or essence can cost as much as a dress, or suit. Milady may choose from a variety of fragrances on the market ranging from the pure essence, which are very expensive, contain no alcohol and last 8 to 12 hours, to perfume, eau de parfum, eau de toilette and cologne. Note: eau means water is added.

Name brand perfumes, which last from 3 to 8 hours retail from 100 to 200 dollars an ounce. They contain between 20-30 percent oil, with the rest being mostly alcohol. The pure essence oil, (which I think is the best investment) is around 40 to 50 dollars for an eighth or quarter ounce.

Pure essence is used on the pulse points and warm spots of the body, and actually exudes an aura from within your clothing. What makes a fragrance "God" is not the name, but the ingredients used and how expertly they are blended together.

Less expensive than perfume are eau de parfum and eau de toilette. They contain less oil and less staying power. Cologne, which is about 95 percent alcohol, and quickly loses its scent, is the lowest priced fragrance form on the market.

Don't choose a fragrance because you like it on someone else. Don't buy a fragrance by sniffing from a bottle or by spraying the air. If you cannot try it on your skin, the next thing to skin sampling is to smell it on a feather.

Try only 2 fragrances at a time; otherwise the nose becomes "exhausted and loses its

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GRAND AM SE

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