**Words of Inspiration in Honor of our Countries 4th of July Birthday Celebration!**

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I look down from my heavenly home

And wonder how my children have grown

To be lost in the “it is all about me” thoughts

When others are suffering and have naught

This country so rich, large, and free

Please take the less fortunate and let them be

They too can contribute to this land so abundant

The dreams they can share without judgement

Their ancestors came from far away

Their journeys long and families afraid

Would this country take them as they stand?

Yes, they said, come work our land

Difficulties were often, some large some small

The forefathers remained standing tall

The wars they came and took ones they held dear

The cause was great but they fought even in fear

Since 1776 when this country began so young

It’s many people stood together and sung

The heart of this country is the people, it’s true

Working together and caring for others to make it through

So, as I look down with eyes of tears

I ask them just when they will listen and hear

Do unto others, says the Good Book for us

Share these words and give me your trust

I made this land for all to enjoy and love

Remember that it came from the one up above.

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