

A script from



“My Declaration”

Ensemble Version

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What What is patriotism, and what does it mean to God’s people? It means not only to celebrate, but to participate. **Themes:** Fourth of July, Patriotism, Independence, Democracy, Freedom, God’s Providence

Who 3 Actors

When Present

**Wear
(Props)** No props needed; music and slides optional

Why Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Matthew 5:14; Romans 13:7

How The key to the 3-actor version, whether memorized or read, is to attain a sense of unity and flow, to speak as one person.

*This script is also available as a monologue. Visit www.skitguys.com to preview.

Time Approximately 3-5 minutes

Actors address the audience.

- 1: "When in the course of human events—
- 2: It becomes necessary for one people to dissolve (their) political bands...with another..."
- 3: This is how their Declaration begins.
- 1: With a statement: This is necessary.
- 2: We will *not* live under the tyranny of foreign monarchs.
- 3: Or anyone else who chooses *themselves* to rule over us.
- 1: Period.
- 2: Nice sentiment. But I never gave it a lot of thought.
- 3: After all, I mean, it was *their* declaration,
- 1: Not mine. Right?
- 2: But, oh, when I was a kid, I loved the 4th of July!
- 3: Because I loved *fireworks!*
- 1: Sparklers!
- 2: Zzzssshhhh!
- 3: Firecrackers.
- 1: Crack, crack, crack, crack!
- 2: But I especially loved the rockets!
- 3: "The rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air!"
- 1: And then one day I realized what that meant.
- 2: Rockets, bombs—these were not party favors.
- 3: These were instruments of war,
- 1: Of terrible sacrifice.
- 2: Thomas Jefferson said:

- 3: "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots."
- 1: He knew what was coming.
- 2: When they signed the Declaration, the founders were signing their own death warrants.
- 3: Their only hope was to sign—
- 1: *Together.*
- 2: "If we do not hang together,"
- 3: Said Benjamin Franklin,
- 1: "we shall all hang separately!"
- 2: So why? Why take such a risk? Were they crazy?

Approximately 1 page has been omitted from this preview. To read the rest of this script and perform it, download the full version at SkitGuys.com!

ENDING:

Pondering.

- 1: So here's what I'm going to do:
- 2: I'm going to celebrate
- 3: *And* participate
- 1: In this gangling, tenuous thing,
- 2: This impossible, beautiful, unwieldy democracy.
- 3: This America.
- 1: I may not be one of its founders,
- 2: but I *am* one of its *continuers*
- 3: And this is my declaration.

Pause.

All: *My declaration.*

Optional: Consider inviting congregation to speak last line aloud together.

The end.