

Striving Towards a More Perfect Union:

## Division Drives, but can Also Destroy

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At the very beginning, Independence Declared  
Empowering us to fight the corrupt  
In the whites of their eyes our soldiers stared  
The separation from Britain abrupt

With liberty and unity, no limit was clear  
Manifest Destiny; to conquer the West  
United the colonies did appear  
Life was surely at its best

Even then more problems arose  
Racism and Slavery continued to prevail  
The Missouri Compromise they had to propose  
Injustice in the South hidden under a veil

Finally then, the time had come  
The protection of the rich was no more  
The North and South, not a good sum  
The only option was the Civil War

The quarrels and strife were at no end  
A house divided will never stand  
Abraham Lincoln, who sought to mend

Made freedom for the slaves our demand

The hearts of many were still unchanged

Peoples' rights not being addressed

The black communities still felt caged

Their Civil Rights, not enough stressed

Along with the push for Civil Rights

There still was a group that felt left out

For Women's suffrage we had to fight

Provoking change; they had to shout

Fresh on our minds, the first World War

The new mission for global peace

The nations united against Hitler's gore

Nazi ideals soon to cease

With no battles to fight what do we do?

Republican, Democrat, now you must choose

Conflict and controversy always anew

Each party hoping the other will lose

From our history we can learn a lot

Our differences must be put aside

Unity cannot just be a thought

For the country to work, it must be applied