It’s been rather a devastating blow
To learn that I am America’s worst nightmare
Where did I go wrong?
I got a good education
Advanced degrees even
I’m up on my world history, so as not to be doomed to repeat any of it
Well schooled in geography, so I can actually point out Afghanistan on the map
Yet, I understand, I am not flowing with the tide

But I care about people
I’m polite and courteous
I always hold the door open for people
Strangers, too!
I always return the shopping cart
Instead of leaving it, annoyingly, sandwiched in between cars
I wave to the neighbors
And garden to perk up the neighborhood

I always give to the homeless
I help my friends and family whenever they’re in need
I’ve never been any kind of criminal or miscreant
Yet, it’s as though I travel the wrong direction down a one-way street
How did it come to this?
Now, although I think it tad out of date
And all too often misinterpreted,
I do respect the constitution
In fact, I wholeheartedly agree with it, and concur with its contention
That church and state ARE separate entities
And, like oil and water, should NEVER be mixed
Which, clearly makes Faith-Based governmental departments unconstitutional
Does it not?

I also steadfastly believe in the rights of an individual AND free speech
Even though my pleas for peace tend to infuriate others
And have me labeled as unpatriotic
A reaction I thoroughly do not understand

For I’m not an anarchist, warmonger, nor a proponent of one
In fact, although I may notice that another individual has their head up their arse
On a certain issue, but I fully do recognise that individual’s right
To shove their head up their bum if they tend to find comfort there
I’m not greedy, nor power hungry
Actually, I submit that it is society’s obligation to share,
Which is why affirmative action is a MUST
And unenthusiastically support a national healthcare system for all US citizens
Yet such thinking elicits finger pointing and the term commie thrust upon me

Worse yet, I also, God forbid, want the proletariat to prosper
I think workers should be protected and earn a proper wage
It’s an insult to society’s backbone to promise tax breaks
Then change the overtime-pay rules

Speaking of tax dodgers, I absolutely loathe those shameless,
Fear-mongering-money-grubbing-televangelist-swindlers
Why is such blatant theft-over-the-airwaves even allowed?
If people need the church, okay
Just understand, as I would to any drug pusher, I have the right to just say, “NO!”

And since when did religious freedom mean only Christians?
Sorry, but the ten commands, like any other religion’s credo
DOES NOT belong on school or governmental buildings
Yet another view that astounds Mr. and Mrs. Redstate

Speaking of backward dolts
I find it shameful that so many people happily sell their vote for lower taxes
Isn’t there more to politics than tax breaks
And kicking the shit out of some third-world hellhole?

Now, although I’m down on liars in general
I’m certain lying about the reasons for war is the greater sin
Than lying about a blowjob
At least no lives were lost in the latter

But do you know what really shocked me?
Launched me into a loud and lengthy guffaw?
Embarrassed me?
Caused me to be feel embarrassment, shame and humiliation?
Yeah, you guessed it, FREEDOM FRIES & Freedom Toast

Should the US Congress have also done away with French terms like: fiancé, rendezvous and RSVP?
And, what about books by Hugo, Dumas and Voltaire?
Should they not have chucked them, too?
Shouldn’t the US congress have also given the Statue of Liberty back to the French?
And perhaps it should also do something with Chevrolet, as well?
If the US is trying to spread democracy across the globe
Don’t the French have the right to disagree?
And wasn’t it those Frenchie French,
As that mouthy-conservative-TV-dullard likes to claim,
Who came to the aid of the US in 1776
And again in 1812?
Besides, aren’t Freedom Fries bad for you anyway?

Yeah, all right, okay, I admit it I adore France et les Francais, et Paris,
Le Cote d’Azure, et Provence, le vin Francais et le cinema Francais
Yeah, that’s right! I even like French films,
And, okay, yes, I have spent a huge portion of my life outside of the US
So what!
Why should any of these acts be considered a bloody cardinal sin in the US?

And since we’ve segued onto the subject of sacrilege, what is with this NRA?
Can’t those dolts think of any other ways to express manhood?
Perhaps if they bought dictionaries instead of guns
They’d know the word militia is not a synonym for
Good ‘ol boy or redneck or bumpkin

And speaking of mind-numbing violence,
How asinine and barbaric is the murdering of criminals?
Although I do think these three villains
Kenny G, Michael Bolton, and Thomas Kinkade deserve the electric chair,
Do we really need to forfeit our collective humanity
Simply because criminals have lost theirs?
Is that really the way to end crime?
Might we not address the root of the problem first?
You know, things like racism, poverty, a proper education for all

Speaking of inhumanity
I don’t understand why religious people advocate capital punishment
Isn’t that somewhat duplicitous?
I mean, doesn’t only their God actually have the right to the heavy-hand?

But speaking of treachery, I find the notion of trickle-down economics a heinous affront
Same goes for lassez-faire, status-quo and the wag-the-dog notions of politics
But what is most stunning is the mounting deficit
Wasn’t there a surplus not too long ago?
That’s what I heard, anyway

Must ALL the oil be sucked out from within the planet?
And the residue inhaled, as well as lodged in the atmosphere?
Does everyone have to drive those intrusive, fuel guzzling, SUV monstrosities?
Why can’t these and diesel engines be done away with
Or run on bio-diesel fuel?
Why not add horsepower to hybrid cars, too?
Burger joints are now pushing salads, for Christ's sake
So why can't Big Oil and the utilities expand into solar panels for energy?
Why can't GM get into building electric cars, and monorail systems, too?

All right, so I'm a tree-hugger
How is such a concern for the habitat a serious *faux pas*?
Must we all park our monster trucks on the front lawn?

Why can't US citizens fight the *Pleasantville* mindset that plagues the national thinking?
Why can't the inhabitants resist that sheep-like trait of happily swallowing everything
Every single spin, fed to them?

But I guess that would mean the populous would have to confront societal flaws
Admit to them and actually *do* something about them,
Which, I guess, would mean broadening the collective horizon
All frightening thoughts, I know

Yet, might it not be better to forget about sweeping things under the rug
By pointing a finger at me and shouting
"*Liberal, commie, tree-hugging, granola lover!*"
Societal flaws, like ignorance, don't disappear when we look away

Wouldn't it be better to replace that limited and isolationist mantra
"*America, love it or leave it*"
with
"*America, LOVE it and BETTER it*?"