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Happy
Birthday
U.S.A.

years of Independence

"From the east to the west blow the trumpet to arms! Through the land let the sound of it flee; Let the far and the near all unite, with a cheer, In defense of our Liberty Tree."

-The Liberty Tree, July, 1775, Thomas Payne "We hold these truths to be selfevident, that all men are created
equal, that they are endowed
by their Creator with certain
unalienable Rights, that among
these are Life, Liberty, and the
pursuit of Happiness."

- De<mark>claration</mark> of Ind<mark>ependence,</mark> July 4, 1776, Thomas Jefferson "Society in every state is a blessing, but government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state an intolerable one; for when we suffer or are exposed to the same miseries by a government, which we might expect in a country without government, our calamity is heightened by reflecting that we furnish the means by which we suffer."

- Common Sense, January 10, 1776, Thomas Payne