

*An Ode To My Father,
Samuel Hubert Cox*

Who taught me to read—both books and the sky.
He taught me that
"Billy Jack,
you'll always get caught,
if you don't tell the truth,"
and he taught me to work hard.

Then he was gone.
I was ten years old,
and I was alone.

From then, til now, in the 67 years since,
I may not have always lived my life
as he would have wanted me to, or
always honored the truth as I should have, but
I have always tried to live my life
with the honor and dignity with which he lived his.

His Spirit of Honor was passed down through
a lineage of Samuel Cox's,
going back through the history of this Nation
to its founding.

It is to all of my fathers in these lineages that
I, today dedicate myself,
in the exercise of my Rights of Liberty—
to do so with honor and courage:
Samuel Cox, DAR A205252,
who took his Oath of Allegiance in 1777, and
Solomon Cox, DAR027084,
who was shunned by his Quaker friends in 1776,
for his performance of patriotic service.

Speaking today to all of my Cox Cousins,
who share with me these fathers,
wherever you may live in these United States,
and irrespective of your politics or religion,
may we say together,
in the spirit of our fathers,
who worked, fought, and died for our Rights of Liberty,

"Let there be honor and dignity in our government,
or else,
let us create a new government."

One does not have to change the Constitution to
change the government we have.
We vote for candidates who support
our Voters' Bill of Rights, and
we do not vote for those who don't.

We do this by voting yes or no
to our
Bill of Rights,
either at the polls,
on November 6, 2018, or
on the Internet.

Either way,
should that
First Referendum
of the
People of the United States of America
take place,
November 7, 2018
will dawn a new day,
as the sun rises once again upon
the land of the free and
the home of the brave.

Instead of the
home of the rich
and the land of the poor.

The power of our personal vote is the political thread,
woven throughout the social fabric of our lives,
that
miraculously weaves the cloth of peace.

The Voters' Bill of Rights provides
each of us with effective voting power,
as a Right of Liberty,
to get us what We want and need to care for ourselves,
from the government we elect.

Then, We will finally have a government
of, by, and for the People.
Such was the promise of President Abraham, and
it will be the wondrous reality of the morning
following our referendum,
when the People of the World hear what
We, the People of the United States,
have to say about
our Voters' Bill of Rights, and
the government it will produce.

Most likely,
it will be
less threatening and more caring,
than the one we've got.

If effective voting is not a Right of Liberty,
what then,
is there left remaining,
worth fighting for?

Be not afraid,
The Way of Righteousness
is never wrong.

~wjc
Father's Day 2018