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Proclaiming Our Independence

July is associated with waving flags and fireworks in celebration of our nation's Independence Day. Even more compelling—and spanning every day of the year—is the divine promise that we can each proclaim another kind of independence: freedom from fear.

I'll give you a for instance. As a small boy, I was terrified that monsters under my bed would grab my feet and pull me into their ravenous clutches as soon as Mom had tucked me in and turned out the light. This irrational fear held me in its grip for quite a while. Of course, my parents told me that monsters weren't real, and logically I knew this. But I also knew that I was the one who had to prove it. They couldn't remove the fear of monsters for me.

One night I bravely forced myself to stick my feet out from under the blankets. The next morning, I saw, to my great delight, that my toes were intact! To this day, I sleep with my feet protruding from the covers.

That's the way all healings happen, isn't it? Whatever the scary claim, whatever the dire prediction, healing starts when we dare to stand up to baseless fear. In its place comes a deep-down secure feeling that we can never be separated from our dear Father-Mother God's love. Then we identify with the Psalmist's night-time prayer, "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety" (Psalms 4:8).

Invariably, when our full healing is revealed—when day dawns in a quiet moment of spiritual clarity—we find ourselves indeed free from suffering, from quaking fears. It makes no difference how long the night lasted, for once the light of divine Truth, Life, and Love dispels the darkness,



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we are transformed. What comfort it brings us to quietly know, "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways" (Psalms 91:11).

During any dark, dream-like state, it is also a comfort to know that our *Journal*-listed visiting Christian Science nurse, Susie Petersen, can be at your side whenever you call.* She will lovingly bind up your wounds while declaring your spiritual perfection. She will remind you that you can no more be separated from divine Love than it is possible to be separated from your image when you are looking in the mirror.

Susie administers neither prescription drugs nor sleeping pills, neither shots nor salves nor supplements—not even holistic preparations and potions. As a Christian Science nurse, she gently performs basic tasks such as bathing, meal preparation, and ambulatory assistance.

All Christian Science healing proclaims, demonstrates, and reveals the forever fact that man is now—and *always*—free from fear, for man's coexistence with God means we are blessed with joy, dominion, and freedom. Fittingly, as we honor our country's independence—her "healing" from bondage to Britain nearly two and a half centuries ago—let us cherish that most profound phrase of The Pledge of Allegiance: "...one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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Safety

By Violet Hay

From the January 1941 issue of *The Christian Science Journal*

He whose thought is lifted ever
To the perfect realm of Mind,
In that secret place abiding
Shall a full protection find.
Safe beneath the Almighty's shade
He shall dwell—all unafraid.
Thousand errors may confront us,
They shall fail on every side,
All our ways are kept by angels,
All our steps they guard and guide.
They who slumber not nor sleep
Day and night their watch shall keep.

They shall show us Love's salvation,
Teach us how to trample fear.
Nothing evil shall befall us
Nor shall any plague come near.
We our Father's name have known,
We will trust in God alone.

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