

To the Editor:

Our Agent-Orange-in-Chief says he will make America great again. He doesn't understand that he cannot create that greatness, nor even be its instrument. Moreover, he seems fully intent on doing the contrary – standing in the way, or worse, reigning terror on the countryside. His carpet-bombing directives, orders, and twitter salvos are laying waste to legal protections, constitutional rights, ethical standards, humane legislation, the safety and security of individuals and families.

One of America's great poets speaks eloquently to our times:

Let America be America again.
Let it be the dream it used to be. . .

(It never was America to me.)

Let America be the dream the dreamers dreamed—
Let it be that great strong land of love
Where never kings connive nor tyrants scheme
That any man be crushed by one above.

. . .

O, let my land be a land where Liberty
Is crowned with no false patriotic wreath,
But opportunity is real, and life is free,
Equality is in the air we breathe. . .

O let America be America again –
The land that never has been yet –
And yet must be . . .

America never was America to me,
And yet I swear this oath –
America will be! . . .

– Langston Hughes

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