The Importance of People?

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We the people... to secure the blessings of liberty.

The pursuit of happiness... rat bites... Appalachia... five in one room... $622 billion G.N.P. ... two thirds from broken homes... those communist social workers... dividends up about 4 percent... cold water walk-up... or the right of people peaceably to assemble... electric cattle prods... and to petition their government for redress of grievances... Selma... Ah couldn't name ten vice-presidents... what's their hurry?... did he get the prize in jail?... on account of race, color... chained to his hospital bed... the halls littered with garbage... terror... mother alcoholic, on relief... India's poor aren't alienated... all business records broken... they live like pigs... toilet hadn't worked for two weeks... the landlord on Park Avenue... they prefer relief... no one called the police, they just watched... no father... corn meal and sow belly... blood hounds... hooked at sixteen... crime up twenty percent... three fourths from that square mile... no ambition... they don't want to work... no table, just an old refrigerator... surly, sullen, uncommunicative... ashamed of her clothes... deputy beat him up pretty good... Harlem... 5000 more on relief every month... West Madison... hit the teacher... third generation on relief... the President's $1 billion anti-poverty program... $70 billion for defense and space... Mostly Negroes and Puerto Ricans... in the suburbs $1400 per pupil... all men are created equal... St. Augustine... Black Muslims... don't loiter in this hallway... greaser... sharecroppers... sawed-off shotgun... just a nigger woman... pusher's hangout... in the slums $380 per pupil... them that has, gets... some are more equal... trial by an impartial jury... no state shall abridge... there's never been a conviction... pregnant twice before she was fourteen... a jury of his peers... some are more equal... $35 a week for the three of them... sick most of the time... they don't wanna work... made $1.5 million in Tri-Continental warrants... Justice is blind... what's their hurry... very blind... the pursuit of happiness... to secure the blessings of liberty.

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