

BECALMED

I HAVE NOT GAINED THE JUST REWARDS THAT I DESERVE
FOR I HAVE FOUGHT AND BROUGHT GREAT HONOUR TO THE COUNTRY THAT I SERVE
FOR I AM THWARTED AND OPPOSED AT EVERY TURN
BY POLITICIANS AND A HOST OF SCHEMING MEN
AND WAYS OF INTRIGUE I COULD NEVER EVER LEARN
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IN PARIS SALONS I AM FETED AND ADMIRERD
KING LOUIS GAVE TO ME A MEDAL AND A GOLDEN HILTED SWORD
BUT HIS LIEUTENANTS SMILE AND WAVE THEIR OILY HANDS
THEIR HONEYED WORDS I TRUST NO MORE THAN SINKING SANDS
FOR THEY CONSPIRE TO KEEP ME STRANDED ON DRY LAND
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I TOLD BEN FRANKLIN HOW I MUST RETURN TO SEA
AND I ASKED HIM FOR THE FUNDS TO HELP PROCURE A SHIP FOR ME
AND THOUGH HE TRIED HIS BEST IT WAS TO NO AVAIL
FOR THERE WERE THOSE WHO MADE DAMNED SURE THAT WE WOULD FAIL
NOW I AM HELPLESS HERE IN FRANCE WITHOUT A SAIL
NO SHIP TO SAIL

ACROSS THE OCEAN ALL MY ENEMIES COMBINE
TO KEEP ME HIDDEN OUT OF SIGHT AND OUT OF MIND
THEY SAY I'M ARROGANT, IMPRACTICAL AND VAIN
AND SO I BRISTLE HERE FRUSTRATED AND INCLINED TO GO INSANE
I'LL NEVER LEARN

AND NOW IT SEEMS AS IF THIS WAR IS AT AN END
AND ALL MY DREAMS TO BUILD A NAVY DISSIPATED IN THE WIND
BECAUSE AMERICA IS HAPPY NOW SHE'S FREE
AND NO MORE BATTLESHIPS ARE NEEDED NOW AT SEA
SO WHAT IS THERE NOW FOR A RESTLESS MAN LIKE ME
A CASTAWAY ADRIFT UPON THE LAND AND NOT THE SEA
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