

September 11, 2001
UNBROKEN AND UNBOWED

With outrage, shock and disbelief,
We have felt the thrust of the coward's blow.
We have seen it, but cannot comprehend
How our fellow man could stoop so low.
A sneak attack by a brutal foe,
Who took innocent lives by a vicious deed;
Who had no regard for human life;
Who was willing to die for his cause, his creed.
We have felt the rage surge in our breast,
And we will find the means to retaliate.
We will put an end to the terror caused
By those whose hearts are so full of hate.
We have buckled and staggered, racked with pain;

For years we have felt the sadness grow.
We have been stricken, and our wounds are deep;
But our faith is strong, this we truly know..
Yes, we hurt, and we cry, for loved ones lost,
As we suffer through these trying times,
But Liberty's Light will not be dimmed,
By those who commit such loathsome crimes.
Listen, World, do you hear our voice?
United we speak out... clear and loud.
America's Spirit and Resolve will forever be:
Strong and proud... unbroken... and unbowed.

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