

Fireworks

Music & Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

Ooh, there's gonna be fireworks
(Fireworks!)
On the Fourth of July (**red, white, and blue!**)
Red, white, and blue fireworks
Like diamonds in the sky. (**diamonds in the sky!**)
We're gonna shoot the entire works on fireworks
That really show, oh yeah,
We declared our liberty 200 years ago.

Yeah!

In 1776 (**fireworks!**)
There were fireworks too (**red, white, and blue!**)
The original colonists,
You know their tempers blew (**They really blew!**)
Like Thomas Paine once wrote:
It's only common sense (**only common sense**)
That if a government won't give you your basic rights
You'd better get another government.

And though some people tried to fight it,
Well, a committee was formed to write it:
Benjamin Franklin, Philip Livingston,
John Adams, Roger Sherman, Thomas Jefferson,
They got it done (**Oh yes they did!**)
The Declaration, uh-huh-huh,
The Declaration of Independence (**Oh yeah!**)
In seventeen hundred seventy six (**Right on!**)
The Continental Congress said that we were free (**We're free!**)
Said we had the right of life and liberty,
...And the pursuit of happiness!

Ooh, when England heard the news,
(Kerpow!)
They blew their stack (**They really blew their cool!**)
But the colonists lit the fuse,
There'd be no turning back (**no turnin' back!**)
They'd had enough of injustice now
But even if it really hurts, oh yeah,
If you don't give us our freedom now
You're gonna see some fireworks!

And on the Fourth of July they signed it
And 56 names underlined it,
And now to honor those first 13 states,
We turn the sky into a birthday cake.
They got it done (**Oh yes they did!**)
The Declaration, uh-huh-huh,
The Declaration of Independence (**Oh yeah!**)
In seventeen hundred seventy six (**Right on!**)
The Continental Congress said that we were free (**We're free!**)
Said we had the right of life and liberty,
...And the pursuit of happiness!

**We hold these truths to be self-evident,
That all men are created equal
And that they are endowed by their creator
With certain inalienable rights.
That among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.**

And if there's one thing that makes me happy,
Then you know that it's (**ooh**)
There's gonna be fireworks!