An Uplifting Song and Video: Calling All the Clans Together, by James Hooker

We did it once. If we must, we'll do it again. - James Hooker

That is the message of this inspiring song and video. Anyone with eyes to see should recognize that there is a political/economic "perfect storm" brewing on the horizon. We should not shut our eyes to it. As Patrick Henry said:

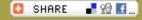
"For my part, whatever anguish of spirit it may cost, I am willing to know the whole truth; to know the worst, and to provide for it."

We must do likewise. But that doesn't mean we should despair. To the contrary, seeing fully what may lay ahead, it is nonetheless time we stood up and calmly resolved to follow in the hallowed footsteps of all those who have come before us, throughout human history, who have struggled and fought to be free. Let us do so with resolute hearts and grim determination, but also with the joy, love,

and peace that comes from a people throwing off fear and showing the world what a free people can do even in hardship. As in the past, we shall rise to the occasion.

Remember always, that none of us get's out of here alive. What matters most is that our children and our grandchildren shall be free. That's *all* that matters. Remember the immortal words of Thomas Paine:

THESE are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated. Britain, with an army to enforce her tyranny, has declared that she has a right (not only to TAX) but "to BIND us in ALL CASES WHATSOEVER" and if being bound in that manner, is not slavery, then is there not such a thing as slavery upon earth. Even the expression is impious; for so unlimited a power can belong only to God. - Thomas Paine, The Crisis, 1776



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