

## **Long, Too Long America**

*Whitman, Walt, 1819-1892*

Long, too long America,  
Traveling roads all even and peaceful you learn'd from joys and prosperity only,  
But now, ah now, to learn from crises of anguish, advancing, grappling with direst fate and  
    recoiling not,  
And now to conceive and show to the world what your children en-masse really are,  
(For who except myself has yet conceiv'd what your children en-masse really are?)