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“What, to the American slave, is your 4th of July?”

I answer; a day that reveals to him, more than all other days in the year, the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is the constant victim.

*To him, your celebration is a sham;
Your boasted liberty, an unholy license;
Your national greatness, swelling vanity;
Your sound of rejoicing are empty and heartless;
Your denunciation of tyrants brass fronted impudence;
Your shout of liberty and equality, hollow mockery;*

Your prayers and hymns, your sermons and thanks-givings, with all your religious parade and solemnity, are to him, mere bombast, fraud, deception, impiety, and hypocrisy -- a thin veil to cover up crimes which would disgrace a nation of savages.

There is not a nation on the earth guilty of practices more shocking and bloody than are the people of the United States, at this very hour.”

-Frederick Douglass 1852

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