

## **Jeffersonian Paradox**

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Thomas Jefferson, writer of the Declaration of Independence, owned more than 100 slaves until he died. His household slaves were 3/4 white, but the mother and grandmothers were slaves. Virginia law stated anyone born of slave women were slaves. Upon his death, he freed the household slaves. However, his daughter sold the farmhand slaves to pay his debts.

**Powerful are societal standards.**

**Past history dictates the present's path.**

**Any deviation will bring the slanders.**

**Only strong-willed conviction withstands the wrath.**

**Finances pressure the diverted mind.**

**War and survival are precedent first.**

**Conscience required to be silently blind.**

**Future's morality causes soul cursed.**

**Slavery's evil permeates the world.**

**A black fog that clouds many nation's eyes.**

**Sunlight slowly the fog's power unfurled.**

**America among last that defies.**

**Nothing easier than judging the past,**

**when no personal sacrifice is asked.**