

Ode to Cake Maker Jack Phillips – December 5, 2017

Awakened with sharp pain in my low back
Resulting from the trip the night before
Should I have taken time to uphold Jack?
While many other issues were in store?

Arriving at the steps of our first Court
Recalling all the cases they have heard
Would they become aware of our support?
Or would this be a case that gets deferred?

Accused of shunning two unmarried guys
Who wanted him to bake a simple cake
To be their crowning jewel and wedding prize,
But that's a deal this Jack refused to make.

Because he claimed it went against his creed
That marriage is one lady and one man,
As long ago the Bible had decreed,
For this belief Jack Phillips took a stand.

Did his response suppress a civil right?
That somehow would prevent these men to wed?
Or was it just a way for them to fight
Against a phantom warrior instead?

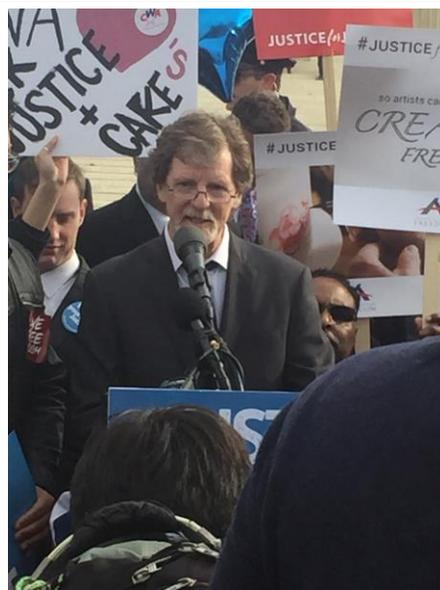
Despite the ardent protests of the left
That Jack's refusal would discriminate
Their campaign of dissention is bereft
Of any proof that he exhibits hate.

Accused of rampant bigotry Jack still
Provided options all throughout his store,
But they refused his offer of good will
And angrily paraded out the door.

And found their way to ACLU friends
Who took their case and did initiate
This lawsuit that allegedly defends
Against those people who discriminate.

Ignoring that he also doesn't make
A cake insulting them for who they are
Or other decorations for the sake
Of celebrating feasts he deems bizarre,

Like Halloween, adult themes or divorce,
Or any art that slights a person's worth.
This ardent stance of righteousness of course
Was reprimanded with consistent mirth.



Jack Phillips outside the Supreme Court
after his initial hearing that morning



One of many speeches made by women and
men of all races, religions and backgrounds

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The news reports will say Jack broke the law
Without reporting how that law is flawed.
The Founding Fathers in this sense foresaw
Our Rights are not from men, they come from God.

A man more humble you will never see,
A follower of Jesus every day,
Ordained by God to quell this mutiny,
Despite his understandable dismay.

He never meant this protest to evolve
To what it has become, an open fray.
His only goal is clearly to resolve
This matter in the most expedient way.

The speakers at the microphone were clear
That no one has resentment toward these men,
Who also should be living without fear
Of any retribution once again.

The bullying they've faced is unexcused,
A twisted blight upon this country's past
Promoted by some people who misused,
A mantra that must disappear at last.

For those who choose same gender for their life
It's time to find another type of word
That honors those described as husband-wife,
Equating these is patently absurd.

Two women lesbians, two men are "gay",
These words depict their gender as they should.
So why define a "marriage" in this way?
A word like "marrion" is just as good.

A "marriage union" joined to form the word
Describing true commitment for these two
Allowing them to join hands undeterred,
Yet still provide them matrimony too.

And keep a "marriage" as the sacred bond
Defined as when a woman joins a man,
Allowing many children to be spawned
Continuing tradition and God's plan.

The US 1st Amendment does convey
That people have the right to speak their mind,
But free speech doesn't mandate we obey
Whatever tenets others have defined.



Two supporters outside the Supreme Court during Jack's initial hearing



The speed painter who works much faster than this author does...

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Creative gifts like Jack’s take years to hone
And can’t be manufactured in a day,
But they can be destroyed and overthrown
If others don’t protect his right of way.

The Colorado ruling does require
That Jack retrain his family in their way,
Yet everything he’s done will sure inspire
So many other people every day.

A florist has this same dilemma now,
And stands to lose her life-long residence,
If activists against her win somehow,
This clearly doesn’t make a lot of sense.

The Court now has both cases to discuss
With tenets of these freedoms on the line.
What one Judge called “religious animus”
Pervades their arguments and storyline.

This lawsuit if successful moves the tide
Away from what the Founders had in mind.
For in this land where no one’s cast aside
It’s time to recreate what they defined.

All decent people full of honor know
The shackles of this censorship are deep.
And if we let these accusations grow,
Eventually there’s nothing left to keep.

This nation stands by liberty for all
To view the world and live as people free,
But some define their way without recall,
Their “tolerance” just means conformity.

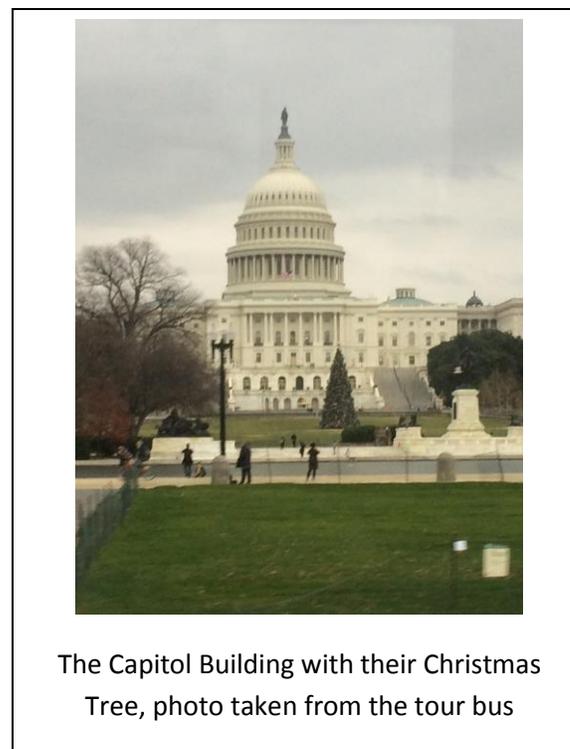
The Constitution says we have the right,
That no one has to censor what they preach.
“Progressive” means “regressive” in this light,
Expression is a freedom just like speech.

This spark of liberation must catch fire
Like many in our past have realized,
As did the Bell of Liberty inspire
To keep the flames of freedom energized

This type of freedom comes in many forms
Despite the many fronts under attack
The conscientious will rebuke these storms
And Jack please know that many have your back!!!



A briefing at the Heritage Foundation



The Capitol Building with their Christmas Tree, photo taken from the tour bus