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Fellow Warriors,

THE SONG EVERYONE SINGS, AND NOBODY KNOWS

2022 has all passed into remembrance, and although it has been filled with perilous days, it has also enlarged that special area in our hearts and minds that we call upon in nostalgic moments. Before we move into the realities of 2023, I wish to share with you some of the depth and passion that you have often recited but, in all likelihood, never understood. I wish to share with you that song known as "The world's national anthem," also that song sung more times by more people than any other song in the history of mankind," also known as "The song that nobody knows."

What is this song sung by so many, over and over, in their life, yet to which they never knew the words nor the meaning? **Auld Lang Syne!** Written by, Scottish poet and lyricist, Rabbe (Robert) Burns - who is regarded as the National Poet of Scotland.

This haunting piece combines a hint of festivity with the emotional remembrances of the loss of earlier friendships through time and distance. What a perfect song for New Year's Eve, when we remain suspended somewhere between retrospection and nostalgia and the anticipation of an unknown future.

Auld Lang Syne -translation

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,

And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And auld lang syne!

Should old friends be forgotten and never thought upon?
Should old friends be forgotten and the days they shared
together?

Chorus.-For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne.
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

CHORUS: For days now in the past, my dear
For days now in the past
We'll drink a toast of kind remembrance
For days now in the past.

And surely ye'll be your pint stowp!
And surely I'll be mine!
And we'll tak a cup o'kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

And surely you'll buy your pint Tankard
and surely I'll buy mine!
And we'll take a cup of kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.

We twa hae run about the braes,
And pou'd the gowans fine;
But we've wander'd mony a weary fit,
Sin' auld lang syne.

We two have run about the hillside,
and pulled wild daisies;
but now we are separated by distance
From those days now in the past.

We twa hae paidl'd in the burn,
Fae morning sun till dine;
But seas between us braid hae roar'd,
Sin' auld lang syne.

We two have paddled in the stream,
from morning until lunch;
but oceans now lie between us
since those days now in the past.

**And there's a hand, my trusty fere!
And gie's a hand o' thine!
And we'll tak a right gude-willie waught,
For auld lang syne.**

So take my hand, my trusty friend!
and give your hand to me!
and we will take a hearty drink together,
In memory of those days now in the past.

Running around the hillside and paddling in the stream are symbols of lost youth. With oceans now between us and being separated by distance, the past and the present are joined for this fleeting moment. Though separated by time and space, we can still raise our glasses together and remember our friendship and the times we spent together.

This example has often been carried to the obvious, for what greater separation of time and space is there than death? Across time and space, we can hold out our hand and take the hand of our friends (our brothers), past and present, everywhere as we remember.

To wax but a bit more nostalgic, I leave you with a great quote regarding a great song:

"Auld Lang Syne is more than a New Year's song. It is one of the great expressions of the tragic ambiguity of man's relation to time, which mixes memory with desire, carrying away old friendships and bringing new, turning childhood escapades into old men's recollections, making change the very condition of consciousness, and at the same time the creator and the destroyer of human experience. All this is done in the purest folk idiom, with no abstract statements or generalizations, except for the chorus itself, which states in simple but powerful terms the question that lies at the heart of so much human emotion."

Time and distance lie between many long-lost friends and us and nostalgic memories; between many dear friends and us we have not yet met and nostalgic memories we have not yet lived.

God bless you as we pray for a blessed new year.

Whatever 2023 may hold:

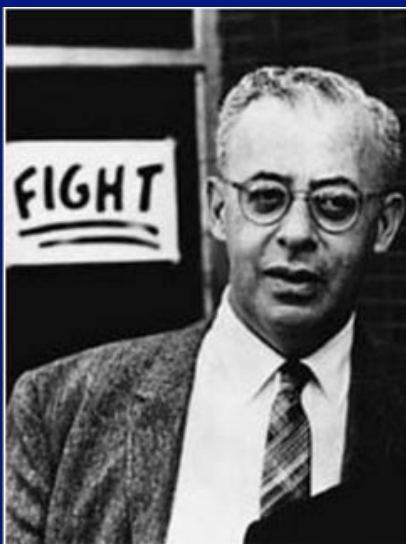
An thers a han, my trustee feer!
an gees a han o thyn!
And we'll tak a richt[‡] gude-willie-waught[‡],
fir ald lang syn.

So take my hand, my trusty friend!
and give your hand to me!
and we will take a hearty drink together,
In memory of those days now in the past.

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Most are aware of Alinsky's Rule for Radicals; however, few are aware of the eight necessary levels of Control attributed to him. Essentially everything the Progressive Left (Post Modernists) are doing today, plays to one, or more of these powers. All 8 are in play.

How to create a social state
by Saul Alinsky:



True revolutionaries do not flaunt
their radicalism. They cut their hair,
put on suits and infiltrate the
system from within.

— Saul Alinsky —

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"There are eight levels of control that must be obtained before you are able to create a social state.

1. **Healthcare** – Control healthcare and you control the people.
2. **Poverty** – Increase the Poverty level as high as possible; poor people are easier to control and will not fight back if you are providing everything for them to live.
3. **Debt** – Increase the debt to an unsustainable level. That way you are able to increase taxes, and this will produce more poverty.
4. **Gun Control** – Remove the ability to defend themselves from the government. That way you are able to create a police state.
5. **Welfare** – Take control of every aspect of their lives (Food, Housing, and Income).
6. **Education** – Take control of what people read and listen to – take control of what children learn in school.
7. **Religion** – Remove the belief in God from the government and schools.
8. **Class Welfare** – Divide the people into the wealthy and the poor. This will cause more disconnect, and it will be easier to take from (tax) the wealthy with the support of the poor."

"History does not entrust the care of freedom to the weak or timid."

- Dwight D. Eisenhower

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"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it." - Thomas Paine



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