

## Patrick Henry

(Be prepared for the program presenter to interrupt you at the moments indicated in parentheses; pause for interruption before continuing with speech.)

Hello, my name is Patrick Henry. "If we wish to be free, we must fight! (pause) I repeat, sir, we must fight! (pause) An appeal to arms and to the God of Hosts is all that is left to us. (pause) If this be treason, make the most of it! (pause) Shall we resort to entreaty and humble supplication? (pause) Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? (pause) Forbid it, almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but, as for me . . . give me liberty or give me death!"

***Performance Instructions: Dress as a colonial man and carry a copy of your speech. Speak and gesture dramatically while reciting.***

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