

**If I could have Stood in that Crowd**

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If I could have stood in that crowd  
With Washington, Franklin, Jefferson and all  
With a chest swelled so proud  
Knowing that England had taken the fall

To see these men of honor lay the foundation  
Showing the world that free men can overcome  
And build the greatest of all nations  
Where freedom will always be sung

To have been there that July 4th 1776  
To share in the thrill of freedom  
Standing there in that great mix  
Of American's so wholesome

So 234 years later I stand now  
With as much pride as they all showed  
As our flag passes my head I will bow  
Thanking God for the freedoms they bestowed

Edwin J. Smith  
The Old Cowboy Poet