

# It wasn't always like this.....



My friend Scot over at *Scot's Magical Mystery Tour* takes a break to recall Ronald Reagan on the 4th anniversary of his death. I invite you to read it. With optimism such a rare emotion these days, I trust Scot won't mind be posting his quote from President Reagan:

*And whatever else history may say about me when I'm gone, I hope it will record that I appealed to your best hopes, not your worst fears, to your confidence rather than your doubts. My dream is that you will travel the road ahead with liberty's lamp guiding your steps and opportunity's arm steadying your way. My fondest hope for each one of you — and especially for young people — is that you will love your country, not for her power or wealth, but for her selflessness and her idealism. May each of you have the heart to conceive, the understanding to direct, and the hand to execute works that will make the world a little better for your having been here. May all of you as Americans never forget your heroic origins, never fail to seek divine guidance, and never lose your natural, God-given optimism. And finally, my fellow Americans, may every dawn be a great new beginning for America and every evening bring us closer to that shining city upon a hill." -Ronald Reagan (1992)*

Can you imagine these sentiments coming from those maroons running our country now? We are paying an enormous price for politics of fear as they have been practiced for the past seven years. Bush - Cheney - Rove - take your pick. I hope they all rot in Hell. I know that may sound harsh, but the hubris of their malfeasance will be borne by our children for generations.

Tom Frank recently wrote:

*.....I've never know it to be such a challenge to get people to lighten up and little and have some fun. They stand there, watch, pay or don't pay, but it's*

*pulling teeth to get a large part of the audience to show even trace amounts of delight.*

Actually, I genuinely think things WILL get better. All of us are like the guys with the shovel after a circus parade. There's a serious load of elephant shit to pickup, but eventually we will and the stench of recent years will eventually fade.

Take care.....

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