

## GOOD CHARLOTTE'S WEB

There's nothing more all American than the birthday of the leader of an up & coming garage band landing on Independence Day / Quite Independent the wannabe rockstar was bc he slept in his folk's garage & dated two folx at the same time & juggled three part time jobs when he wasn't getting fired from a fourth / And on the morning of this Fourth of July his eighteenth birthday to everyone's surprise something finally interesting happened to Uncle Sam's burnout nephew / While our electric cars were tucked in & charging overnight & our clean laundry was being shut into dresser drawers / Above his garage door a fastidious spider spelled out what was on everybody's mind:

FUCK US

Summer had finally arrived & in its hot fury there was a collective sigh of relief as this spider finally put to words exactly what everyone else was thinking / We were doomed & help wasn't coming & this high school guitar hero who wore Red White & Blue ironically was the best of us / And we loved the off color Yankee Doodle Dandy's embrace of fame & his commitment to the bit as he was always in character in public raging against the machine / His war paint was from the clearance aisle in Target & his song was a battle hymn against those who thrust his power at him / His glorious Un-American persona was so campy it was beloved for years / So if you thought this was a morality play about nationalism or becoming famous I am sorry for the misdirection / This is actually about the Spider who finally had enough with men taking credit for her comments in workshop so she left the program without a refund & never published again / Even though she never got credit for her one hit wonder in our world she's pretty famous in hers & lives quite comfortably / Good Charlotte still writes for her nieces & nephews: at their weddings she sings them marvelous songs.