The Modern Right-Wing Ideologue

—or—

A Short History of Eight Long Years

Adapted from Gilbert & Sullivan, “Model of a Modern Major-General”

New lyrics: Harriet Morris

[Chorus = boldface]

He was the very model of a modern right-wing ideologue,
Distracting from foul policies with quips and movie dialogue.
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Came "Morning in America" —the sun rose o’er the strangest scene,
Of ketchup dubbed a vegetable; pollution caused by trees of green.
Helping poor breeds poverty, yet aid’s a must for folk wealthy—
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Unemployment cannot be, for Sunday papers run want ads!
No homelessness—just shelters full of cheapskates who prefer free beds!
Welfare queens live high on food-stamp booze; cruise Cad’lacs ’round the block—
Legends promulgated by the modern right-wing ideologue.

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Evil Empire, Star Wars, Iran-Contra, Bitburg, Edwin Meese;
Trickle-down, Grenada, PATCO, staff committing felonies—
Brought to you by spokesman for G.E.-slash-ham from movies B—
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Eight long years the right-wing worked to undermine what we hold dear—
Social justice, workers’ rights, inquiring press—the harm is clear—
Diminishing democracy; supporting foreign tyranny;
Assaults on truth and Constitution by the right-wing ideologues.

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Now, Ronnie’s gone, but we’re still here to fix the mess he left behind.
We’ll do it, working tirelessly together—we’ve made up our minds!
We’ll reclaim democracy—that’s government for you and me!
Yes, we’ll take back our coun-to-ry, from modern right-wing ideologues!

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