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


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Strum, strum, strum... 

*Don't take your love away from me
Don't you leave my heart in misery
If you go then I'll be blue
'Cause breaking up is hard to do*



News dispatch:²

Scotland's citizens will vote to secede from or stay with the United Kingdom. This upcoming decision by the Scots has long been in the offing. During this run-up, a story that has been in the news for many years, there has been no outcry from the United Nations or the United States. After all, the people of Scotland will have spoken. That will make the difference.



*Remember when you held me tight
And you kissed me all through the night
Think of all that we've been through
Breaking up is hard to do*



News dispatch:

For now, Quebec's citizens have voted to stay with Canada. And they may vote again. This decision by the Quebecers has long been in the offing. During this run-up, a story that has been in the news for many years, there has been no outcry from the United Nations or the United States. After all, the people of Quebec have spoken and may speak again. That has made the difference.



*I beg of you, don't say goodbye
Can't we give our love another try
Come on baby, let's start a new
'Cause breaking up is hard to do*



News dispatch:

Catalonia's citizens are continuously debating whether to secede from or stay with Spain. This decision by the Catalonians has long been in the offing. During this run-up, a story that has been in the news for many years, there has been no outcry from the United Nations or the United States. After all, the people of Catalonia have spoken. That has made the difference.

¹ Lyrics from Neil Sedaka's "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do."

² The "News dispatch" is reflective of events taking place in several regions of the world.



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Crimea's citizens have supported leaving the Ukraine and joining Russia's federation. This decision has shaken the Western World. During this run-up, which has been in the news for several weeks, there has been a huge outcry from the United Nations and the United States. Sanctions have been put in place against Russia for annexing the Crimea. U.S. Navy ships in the Med were put on alert. The people of Crimea have spoken. That makes no difference. Russia did not play by the rules and allow a referendum to take place among all citizens of the Ukraine.



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Now I know, I know that it's true.*



News dispatch:

Texas has begun a campaign to separate from America and become a separate nation, with a stipulation that the Dallas Cowboys will no longer be called "America's Team."

California has also initiated a campaign to secede and become the "United Counties of California, minus Orange County." As a consequence of this movement, Congress is working on a gerrymandering scheme to fold-in Orange County into Southern Arizona, what with both areas having an equal distribution of illegal immigrants.

Rhode Island's citizens have declared that they wish to leave the United States to form a South Rhode Island and a North Rhode Island. This potential separation will leave each nation small enough to be indistinguishable on GPS coordinates.

North Dakota has also petitioned to become two separate nations. If the secession occurs, North Dakota and South North Dakota will each contain one citizen.



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This year (an update to this piece), the United Kingdom has done a Brexit and voted to leave the European Union (EU), a major attempt to join the previously warring nations of Europe into a camp of economic cooperation and thus less prone engage in near-continuous wars. A limerick is in order:



*The Brits were not happy with the EU.
The EU felt the Brits were mere props.
The Brexit leaves Europe more disjointed,
And the Russians are licking their chops!*



Eventually, as Yugoslavia, the Ukraine, Czechoslovakia, Russia, Iran, Iraq, Syria, and others break apart into smaller unions, here is what will follow: “Today in the news, the Smith family in what was formerly New, and now called Newer New Jersey has formed yet another nation. The separation will result in parts of the Smith family in one nation, and the other part in a separate nation. This split reflects a trend toward the earth being divided into seven billion nations, with each person being a sovereign state. This approach will obviate the political stalemates that have recently paralyzed the larger nations’ legislative bodies.



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