

HAPPY FOURTH

Nasty cold
on this
July 4th.

Voice raspy
with congestion
and weariness.

Nose dripping
with the
A/C units.

Sparing words,
hurts somewhat
to speak.

Haven't read
the news
in weeks.

Getting something
out of
my system.

Watch fireworks
from the
window tonight.

If you're
out there,
enjoying yourself—

then glad
to know
you're happy.

Well, some
of you,
at least.

For health,
let's spare
the details.

Hope to
drain this
cold faster

than nation
goes down
the tubes.

Why viruses
take so
damn long?

Won't hold
my breath—
need it.

No thanks,
don't want
any NyQuil.

Hangover with
a cold's
a nightmare.

I guess
that's my
independence talking.