

FIRE!

Lyrics: Gary McGath, Copyright 2010

Music: Julia Ecklar, "Daddy's Little Girl"

Dedicated to the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education

Daddy's little girl went to State U this fall,
And she was told that all speech there was free.
But now they're calling anger, and she won't come when they call,
Because her free speech wasn't deemed PC.
Although they have the power to decide what you may say,
She still has got a resource, and she's going to win the day:

FIRE, FIRE, FIRE with the hand that holds the pen,
FIRE, FIRE, FIRE is the lady's surest friend.
And if they dare the silence, and try to hem her in,
Daddy's little girl recalls our past.
They'll find this little rebel's grown up fast.

Stern administrators with a frown of righteous wrath,
Close the door on non-conforming words.
Censuring, suspending those who say things they don't like,
So freedom's freedom to stay in the herd.
But daddy's girl's not yielding, she's set out to take a stand.
And she's fighting for her freedom by the first law of the land—

FIRE, FIRE, FIRE now is fighting by her side,
FIRE, FIRE, FIRE says she will not be denied.
Censored pen and censored tongue, will they stamp out all dissent?
Heresy and freedom are close friends,
And the battle with the censors never ends.

A year is spent in court, striking down the PC codes,
Make the case where all the world can see.
At last there's an injunction to uphold the students' rights;
State U is told it must leave students free.
So there's nothing left to fight here, but she'll use what she has learned,
For there's other schools with speech codes that must still be overturned:

FIRE, FIRE, FIRE will defend the speaker's rights,
FIRE, FIRE, FIRE fills the darkness with its light.
Suppress their thoughts and questions as if you all were gods,
But we've got lawyers on our side, you fools,
And FIRE will make you all play by the rules.