

# **IF Only !**

*(Apologies to Rudyard Kipling)*

**If you stay calm while "*Democrats*" denounce you  
and accuse you of the very wrongs *they've* done;  
Then trust your judgement while their lies assail you  
but resist the urge to shoot them with your gun.**

**If you can listen to their endless braying  
and not break ranks and attack them when they shout;  
Then ignore the lies and insults they're spraying  
And appear to listen, but not punch them out.**

**If you can bear to hear the truths you've spoken  
crudely twisted out of shape by feeble minds;  
Then watch the promises of RINOs broken  
after kissing up to *Donor Class* behinds.**

**If you see ideals you devote your life to  
be trampled by fools who never understood;  
Misrepresented and denounced by those who  
routinely lie and were ever any good.**

**If you can reject that fake news is our fate  
and expose its endless lies until it's gone;  
yet not succumb to the deadly sin of hate  
nor celebrate too much when the battle's won.**

**If we all could only be like Donald Trump,  
who endured their insults, but remained polite;  
despite lies from every journalistic hump  
with no thought giv'n to abandoning the fight.**

--Earl Holt III