

## **First They Came After Confederate Monuments**

First, they came to deface Confederate monuments

I did not speak out

Because I have no interest in Confederate monuments.

Then they came to destroy and pull-down Confederate monuments.

I did not speak out

Because I have no interest in Confederate monuments.

Then they came after Kate Smith because she sang "God Bless America."

I did not speak out

Because I was not interested in Kate Smith's music.

Then they came with mobs to deface religious statues

I did not speak out

Because it was just an isolated incident that would never happen here.

Then they came to deface and burn my church

And by now, everyone was fearful to speak-out

No one spoke out in defense of my church.

Then they came for me and my family

And there was no one left

To speak out for me and my family.

Freedom is seldom lost all at once but, thanks to people's apathy, Freedom is gradually eroded and eventually destroyed.

*Deo Vindice*

**James Ronald Kennedy**