

## Irving Berlin

### "Most Expensive Statue In The World The"

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Citizens of New York, I greet you  
With the hundred thousand dollar check  
The money that my readers have contributed  
For the pedestal of the statue

Citizens of New York, I greet you  
With the news that soon our flag will be unfurled  
On the most expensive statue in the world  
-On the most expensive statue in the world

When it's finally installed, tell us, what will it be called?  
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When we finally install it  
What's the diff'rence what we call it?  
It's the best that money can buy  
And will stand three hundred feet high  
And I understand before we're through the cost may  
not be known  
A hundred thousand dollars for the pedestal alone  
And our flag will soon be unfurled  
On the most expensive statue in the world  
-On the most expensive statue in the world

When it finally is claimed, tell us, what will it be named?  
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named?  
When at last we come to claim it  
What's the diff'rence what we name it?  
What's important is the expense  
What it means in dollars and cents  
From the French across the ocean it was sent to me  
and you  
And now I'd like to call upon and hear a word or two  
From our friend the French ambassador

Your honor, I speak not for my government, but my  
people  
For it is not my government, but my people who give  
this statue  
Creation of the genius of Bartholdi  
May it arise in your harbor and give the light of

Liberty, equality, fraternity

Finally, when we install it, why don't we call it "Liberty"?

"The Statue of Liberty"!

-"The Statue of Liberty"!

And the most expensive statue in the world!

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