OLD VERSION

The **ant** works hard in the withering heat all summer long, building his house and laying up supplies for the winter.

The **grasshopper** thinks the **ant** is a fool and laughs and dances and plays the summer away..

Come winter, the ant is warm and well fed.

The **grasshopper** has no food or shelter, so he dies out in the cold.

MORAL OF THE STORY: Be responsible for yourself!

MODERN VERSION

The **ant** works hard in the withering heat and the rain all summer long, building his house and laying up supplies for the winter.

The grasshopper thinks the ant is a fool and laughs and dances and plays the summer away.

Come winter, the shivering **grasshopper** calls a press conference and demands to know why the **ant** should be allowed to be warm and well fed while he is cold and starving.

CBS, NBC, PBS, CNN, and ABC show up to provide pictures of the shivering grasshopper next to a video of the ant in his comfortable home with a table filled with food.

America is stunned by the sharp contrast.

How can this be, that in a country of such wealth, this poor **grasshopper** is allowed to suffer so?

Kermit the Frog appears on **Oprah** with the **grasshopper** and everybody cries when they sing, 'It's Not Easy BeingGreen.'

ACORN stages a demonstration in front of the **ant's** house where the news stations film the group singing, "We shall overcome." Then **Rev. Jeremiah Wright** has the group kneel down

to pray to God for the **grasshopper's** sake.

President Obama condemns the ant and blames President Bush, President Reagan, Christopher Columbus, and the Pope for the grasshopper's plight.

Nancy Pelosi & Harry Reid exclaim in an interview with Larry King that the ant has gotten rich off the back of the grasshopper, and both call for an immediate tax hike on the ant to make him pay his fair share.

Finally, the **EEOC** drafts the **Economic Equity & Anti-Grasshopper Act** retroactive to the beginning of the summer.

The **ant** is fined for failing to hire a proportionate number of **green bugs** and, having nothing left to pay his retroactive taxes, his home is confiscated by the **Government Green Czar** and given to the **grasshopper**.

The story ends as we see the **grasshopper** and his free-loading friends finishing up the last bits of the **ant's** food while the government house he is in, which, as you recall, just happens to be the **ant's** old house, crumbles around them because the **grasshopper** doesn't maintain it.

The **ant** has disappeared in the snow, never to be seen again.

The **grasshopper** is found dead in a drug related incident, and the house, now abandoned, is taken over by a gang of **spiders** who terrorize the ramshackle, once prosperous and once peaceful, neighborhood.

The entire Nation collapses bringing the rest of the free world with it.

MORAL OF THE STORY: America is now beyond its point of no return on its way to Socialism. Those who work can no longer support all of those who do not work. The ant disappeared, never to be seen again and many of the working class of Americans are leaving this country. The indications are that this Nation is collapsing and waiting for a big time chastisement from God!