

State of the union

**Everything here is great.
By "here", I mean America.
By "great", I mean crackers.
"Great" is America's favourite adjective.
Her outdoors is not merely the outdoors
– it is the Great outdoors.
Her depression not merely a depression
– it was Great.
And so on. Great Lakes.
Great Escape. Great Balls of Fire.
Not to mention the Great White Hope
and his MAGA franchise.**

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