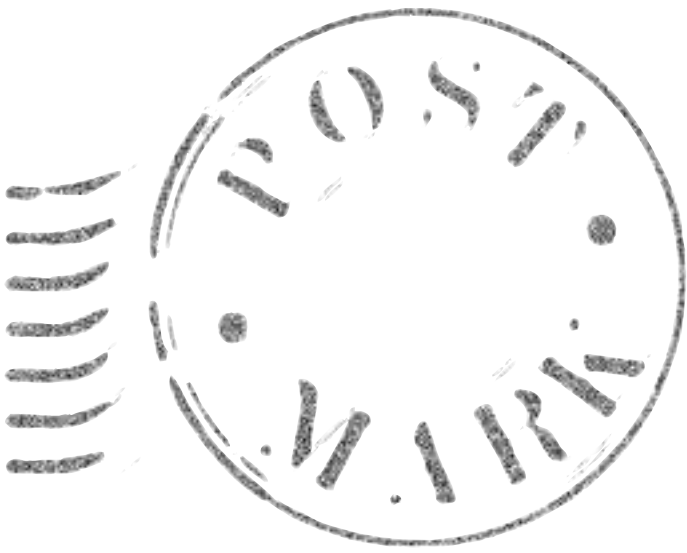


# just thought you'd like to know

to george  
washington carver



that there is a thirty-two-cent  
stamp of you out there

somewhere right now  
with a sweet potato

& peanut plant right  
behind a microscope

with your name typed  
beautifully along the right

side of the edge & you  
are grinning george

grinning like you just won  
a great big hand of poker

grinning like a wild big bet  
& the united states

of america good old glory  
herself has put all of her

authority all of her amazing  
grace everything all

gloriously  
around you

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