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The Panacea.

If you have a grief that you would forget,
You must work, and work, and work,
And if you are prey to keen regret,
And the stars of your hopes are set, are set,
And the darkness covers you like a pall,
If you'd learn to live in this world at all,
You must work, and work, and work.



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Battle Hymn Of The Republic.

Words and Music on Page 112, MERRY SONGS.

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the
Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage, where the grapes of
wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the faithful lightning of His terrible
swift sword;
His truth is marching on!

CHORUS.

Glory! glory Hallelujah!
Glory! glory Hallelujah!
Glory! glory Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on!

I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred cir-
cling camps;
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews
and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flar-
ing lamps;
His day is marching on!

CHORUS.—Glory! glory Hallelujah! etc.

I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel;
 As ye deal with my contemners, so with you my grace shall deal;
 Let the hero born of woman crush the serpent with his heel;

Since God is marching on!

CHORUS.—Glory! glory Hallelujah! etc.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
 He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgement seat;
 Oh, be swift my soul to answer him! be jubilant my feet!

Our God is marching on!

CHORUS.—Glory! glory Hallelujah! etc.

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea;
 With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
 As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free;

While God is marching on!

CHORUS.—Glory! glory Hallelujah!

Teacher's Address.

LINCOLN AS PRESIDENT.

Lincoln had made many speeches exhorting the people to Freedom and Justice. In 1837, he was

chosen by the people as their representative in Congress where he met many famous men. When Lincoln was fifty-two years old, he was chosen President of the United States. Southern men were filled with indignation; dissatisfaction, disputes and threatenings filled the air. Some said Lincoln would never reach Washington in safety as a plot was laid to kill him as he passed through Baltimore, but he took an earlier train and arrived at the Capitol City in safety. Each month brought heavier burdens of war, death, treachery and danger, but his brave heart untiringly sought for the Union of the States.

From the commencement of the war great pressure had been brought to bear upon the President to abolish slavery. Lincoln's first object was to save the Union. With unerring wisdom and judgement he made important appointments, both in reference to the war and his Cabinet. Throughout his presidency, Lincoln never hesitated to bestow honors and appointments to persons who were even hostile to himself. He would when he was convinced they were the right men for the right place, appoint them to important positions, asking: "Is he honest? Is he capable? Is he faithful to the Constitution?"

Lincoln's greatness was largely due to his strict and faithful adherence to the Constitution. He was at all times true to his country's highest interest, he knew his people, knew his duty and never lost courage in the fiercest of struggles, our Civil War.

Reading—Lincoln's Speeches.

Lincoln's words were always simple, yet powerful, clear and convincing. By his earnestness and sincerity he swayed vast audiences to his side. He spoke from the heart. He roused men to an enthusiasm never before reached with regard to the vital questions of slavery and freedom. His humor, anecdotes and illustrations were wisely given, his arguments were sound, brief and convincing. He never made a speech for applause, but to lead men to reflection and just conclusions.

Among his famous speeches which will never be forgotten are the two inaugural speeches, the impressive words delivered at Gettysburg, a speech at Cooper Institute, New York, while his Annual Messages to Congress and the Emancipation Proclamation will ever live.

In his first inaugural address he closed by saying:

"We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearth stone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.

Recitation—One Of The People.

A laboring man, with horny hands,
Who swung the axe, who tilled his lands,

Who shrank from nothing new,
But did as poor men do!

One of the People! Born to be
Their curious Epitome;
To share, yet rise above,
Their shifting hate and love.

Common his mind (it seemed so then),
His thoughts the thoughts of other men;
Plain were his words and poor—
But now they will endure!

No hasty fool, of stubborn will,
But prudent, cautious, pliant, still;
Who since his work was good,
Would do it as he could.

No hero, this, of Roman mould;
Nor like our stately sires of old;
Perhaps he was not great—
But he preserved the State!

O honest face, which all men knew!
O tender heart, but known to few!
O Wonder of the Age,
Cut off by tragic Rage.

Lincoln.

Bulwark and barbican, grim and tall,
Keep and turret and moated wall,
Portico, peristyle, stately hall,
Palaces, castles, courts and all;
Lofty minaret, lordly dome,
Humble yourselves at the childhood home
Of Lincoln.

Made of a few sticks, clumsily cut;
No window to open, no door to shut;
So wretched, indeed, that the name of hut
Were gilded praise of its poverty; but—
By the kernel alone we must judge the nut.
Who could have dreamed in that early hour
That out of such muck would have sprung the flower—
A Lincoln!

Reactionaries! who strive, to-day,
To hold that men are of different clay;
Oligarchs! plutocrats! ye who say
The fathers were wrong, and yea or nay
May answer a People's Rights, to-day,
That some are to rule and some obey,
One plain word shall command your shame;
Into your faces I fling the name
Of Lincoln.

Whence did he come? From the rearmost rank
Of the humblest file. Was it some mad prank
Of God that the mountains were bare and blank
And the strong tree grew on the lowliest bank?
Not so! 'Tis the law. The seed blows wide
And the flower may bloom as the garden's pride,
Or spring from the ditch. Nor time, nor place,
Condition nor caste, nor clime nor race
Can limit manhood. The proof is the case
Of Lincoln.

How was he trained—this untaught sage,
With nothing but want for his heritage?
Set to work at the tender age

Which should have been conning a primer page—
His whole youth spent for a pitiful wage
As axman, farmer, boatman, clerk;
Learned alone in the school of work
Was Lincoln.

What was his power? Not kingly caste
Nor jingle of gold howsoever amassed;
Not Napoleon's force with the world aghast;
Not Tallyrand's cunning, now loose, now fast;
Not weak persuasion or fierce duress,
But strong with the Virtue of Homeliness
Was Lincoln.

Homely in feature. An old style room,
With its tall, quaint clock and its old, quaint loom,
Has very much of his home-made air.
Plain, but a plainness made to wear.
Homely in character. Void of pretense;
Homely in homeliest common sense.
Homely in honesty. Homespun stuff
For every weather, mild or rough.
Homely in humor, which bubbled up
Like a forest spring in its earthen cup.
Homely in justice, he knew the law,
But often more than the letter he saw;
And sheathing the sword to its harmless hilt,
Wrote "Pardon" over the blot of guilt.
Homely in patience. His door stood wide,
And carping and cavil from every side
Dinned in his ears, but he went his way
And did the strongest that in him lay.

Homely in modesty. Never a claim
 Of credit he made, and he shirked no blame;
 Yet firm in his place as the hemisphere
 When principle said to him, "Stand thou here!"
 Homely in tenderness. Motherhood's breast,
 Where the new babe cuddles its head to rest,
 Is not more gentle than was his heart;
 Yet brave as a Bayard in every part
 Was Lincoln.

O, Uncommon Commoner! may your name
 Forever lead like a living flame!
 Unschooled Scholar! how did you learn
 The wisdom a lifetime cannot earn?
 Unsainted Martyr! higher than saint!
 You were a MAN with a man's constraint.
 In the world, of the world, was your lot;
 With it and for it the fight you fought,
 And never till Time is itself forgot
 And the heart of man is a pulseless clot,
 Shall the blood flow slow when we think the thought
 Of Lincoln.

Concert Recitation (School)—'Abraham Lincoln.

Unveiling Of Lincoln's Picture On An Easel.

This man whose homely face you look upon,
 Was one of Nature's masterful great men;
 Born with strong arms, that unfought battles won,
 Direct of speech and cunning with the pen.
 Chosen for large designs, he had the art
 Of winning with his humor, and he went

Straight to his mark, which was the human heart,
Wise, too, for what he could not break, he bent.

Upon his back a more than atlas-load,
The burden of the Commonwealth was laid;
He stooped and, rose up to it, though the road
Shot suddenly downward, not a whit dismayed.

Hold, warriors, councilors, kings!—all now give
place

To this dear benefactor of the race.

Reading—Lincoln As A Lawyer.

1. In 1830 the Lincolns moved to Illinois. There was constant and hard work for the young man, but "Honest Abe Lincoln" had improved every moment in studying. He had borrowed books on law and left nothing until it was plain to him. His speeches became the talk of the people; he had engaged in politics, and now an old lawyer in Springfield, Illinois, offered to take him into partnership. Lincoln accepted the offer. He had a large practice, but small fees. Among lawyers he was pointed out as the "perfectly honest lawyer."

2. Nothing could induce Lincoln to take the wrong side of a case in law, nor would he continue on that side after learning that it was unjust.

Once he gave much time to a case in which he had received from a lady a retainer of two hundred dollars. He went to her took the money from his pocket and said: "Madam, you have not a peg to hang your case on," as he passed her the money.

"But you have earned that money," said the lady.

"No, no," replied Lincoln, "that would not be right. I can't take pay for doing my duty."

Song—Star Spangled Banner.

Recitation—When Lincoln Died.

When Lincoln died, a universal grief
Went round the earth. Men loved him in that hour.
The North her leader lost; the South, her friend;
The Nation lost its saviour; and the slave
Lost her deliverer, the most of all.
O, there was sorrow 'mid the humble poor,
When Lincoln died.

When Lincoln died, a great soul passed from earth,
In him were strength and gentleness so mixed,
That each upheld the other. He was firm;
And yet was kind, as tender as a child,
And yet as iron-willed as Hercules.
His power was almost limitless, and yet
His mercy was as boundless as his power.
And he was jovial, laughter-loving, still
His heart was even torn with suffering,
There was divine compassion in the man;
A God-like love and pity for his race.
The world saw the full measure of that love,
When Lincoln died.

When Lincoln died, a type was lost to men.
The earth has had her conquerors and kings
And many of the common great through all,
She only had one Lincoln. There are none
Like him in all the annals of the past.
He was the growth of our new soil; the child

Of our new time; he was American;
Was of the people, from the lowest rank,
And yet he scaled with ease the highest height,
Mankind one of its few immortals lost,
When Lincoln died.

When Lincoln died, it seemed a providence;
For he appeared as one sent for work,

Whom, when that work was done, God summoned
home.

He led a splendid fight for liberty;
And when the shackles fell, the land was saved.
He laid his armor by and sought his rest.
A glory sent from heaven covered him,
When Lincoln died.

Song—America.

Recitation—The First American.

So always firmly, he;
He knew to bide his time,
And can his fame abide,
Still patient in his simple faith sublime
Till the wise years decide.
Great captains with their drums and guns,
Disturb our judgement for the hour,
But at last silence comes;
These are all gone, and, standing like a tower,
Our children shall behold his fame,
The kindly-earnest, brave, foreseeing man,
Sagacious, patient, dreading praise, not blame,
New birth of our new soil, the first American.

Song—"Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, The Boys Are
Marching."

Recitation—The Hard Work Plan.

From the lowest depths of poverty
To the highest heights of fame,
From obscurity of position
To a bright and shining name,
From the mass of human beings,
Who compose the common clan,
You can earn your way to greatness
By the Hard-Work Plan.

'Twas the key to Lincoln's progress,
'Twas the route to Webster's fame;
And Garfield, by this method,
To distinction laid his claim;
And all earth's noblest heroes,
Since this old world first began,
Have earned their way to honor
By the Hard-Work Plan.

Our Heroes.

Who the unknown sea did sail across,
Who suffered dangers, perils and loss
To give this New World at last to us?
Christopher Columbus.

Who, when tyranny threatened our land,
Led our brave fathers, a hero band,
And "Father of his Country" will stand?
George Washington.

When slav'ry darkened our country's fame,
And our flag was subjected to insult and shame,

Who saved our land? Oh, tell me his name!
Abraham Lincoln.



Lincoln's Birthday Dialogue.

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Twelve pupils on stage.

Emma. Henry Ward Beecher said: "Who shall recount our martyr's sufferings for the people? By day and by night he has trod a way of danger and darkness. On his shoulders rested a government, dearer to him than his own life. Upon thousands of hearts great sorrow and anxieties have rested, but upon not one such, and in such measure as upon that simple, truthful, noble soul, our faithful and sainted Lincoln."

Lucy. "Right makes might"—was Abraham Lincoln's motto. It should apply to whatever we do.

Roy. Soon after President Lincoln's second inauguration, rumors of plots and dangers caused his friends to urge upon him the necessity of a guard. He finally consented to the presence of such a body, and accordingly an audience with him became a matter of some difficulty.

On the afternoon of the 6th of March, Mr. H. F. Warren, a photographer of Waltham, Mass., sought a presentation to Mr. Lincoln, but found, after consulting the guard, that an interview could be had on that day only in a somewhat irregular manner.

After some conversation with the officers in charge who became convinced of his loyalty, Mr. Warren was admitted within the lines, and at the same time was given to understand that the surest way to obtain an audience with the President was through an intercession of his little son "Tad."

The latter was a great pet with the soldiers, and was constantly at the barracks. He soon made his appearance, mounted on his pony.

He and the pony were soon placed in position and photographed, after which Mr. Warren asked "Tad" to tell his father that a man had come all the way from Boston who was particularly anxious to see him, and obtain a sitting from him. "Tad" went to see his father, and word was soon returned that Mr. Lincoln would comply.

In the meantime, Mr. Warren had improvised a kind of studio upon the south balcony of the White House. Mr. Lincoln soon came out, and, saying but a very few words, took his seat as indicated.

After a single negative was taken, he inquired: "Is that all, sir?"

Unwilling to detain him longer than was absolutely necessary, Mr. Warren replied, "Yes, sir," and the President immediately withdrew.

At the time he appeared on the balcony, the wind was blowing freshly, as his disarranged hair indicates, and as sunset was approaching, it was difficult to obtain a sharp picture.

Six weeks later President Lincoln was dead, and it is doubtless true that this is the last photograph ever made of him.

Hattie. H. L. Dawes said: "Washington was the Father, and Lincoln the Savior of his country."

Nettie. Philip Schaff said: "Next to Washington, the Father of our Independence, stands Abraham Lincoln, the martyr of our Union."

John. W. H. Gibson said: "Patriot, statesman, emancipator, his name is immortal, and his memory will be cherished through all the advancing ages."

Charles. C. M. Van Buren said, "Abraham Lincoln was the greatest constitutional student of the age and the noblest pattern for future generations America has ever known."

Cora. James Longstreet said, "Without doubt the greatest man of rebellion times, the one matchless among forty millions for the peculiar difficulties of the period, was Abraham Lincoln."

Abbey. Gen. U. S. Grant said, "In his death the nation lost its greatest hero. In his death the South lost its most just friend. To know him personally was to love and respect him for his great qualities of heart and head, and for his patience and patriotism."

Edwin. Robert G. Ingersoll said, "Wealth could not purchase, power could not awe this loving man. He knew no fear except the fear of doing wrong."

Frank. Usher said, "Mr. Lincoln's greatness was founded upon his devotion to truth, his humanity and his innate sense of justice to all."

Nina. John Sherman said, "Lincoln was the purest, the most generous, the most magnanimous of men. He will hold a place in the world's history loftier than that of any king or conqueror."

Emma. His life appears to be an inexhaustible fund of story, anecdote and romance. He was born Feb. 12 1809. In 1858 he was, therefore, forty-eight years of age, and, as might be considered, quite capable of taking a fair inventory of himself, so far as any one can perform that difficult feat.

A book was being compiled, to be entitled "Dictionary of Congress," and knowing that Mr. Lincoln had once been a member of the lower house of that august body, the compiler sent him one of the regulation circular letters, asking for information as to the date of his birth, the character of his education, his profession, and occupation, and a list of any public positions he might have filled.

In the many answers received from ex-congressmen to whom a copy of the same circular had been sent, some very complete and circumstantial information was included; in fact, the men who had least distinguished themselves were the ones who fairly exuded with information.

But the following terse statement, signed "A Lincoln," was a great refreshment to the compiler, who little thought that in three years his Illinois correspondent would be the most talked-about man in America.

"Born, Feb. 12, 1809, in Hardin County Ky.

"Education, defective.

"Profession, a lawyer.

"Have been a captain of volunteers in the Black Hawk War.

"Postmaster at a very small office.

"Four times a member of the Illinois Legislature.

"And was a member of the lower House of Congress."

Imagine the sketch that a small man could make up concerning himself with the above simple facts for a basis!

Frank. While Lincoln was practicing law in Springfield the fire-hose company, desiring to buy some new apparatus, sent out subscription papers and one youthful collector called on the future president. He was closely examined on the purpose of the subscription and finally Lincoln agreed to subscribe in this fashion; "Well, I'll tell you what I'll do, I'll go home to supper—Mrs. Lincoln is generally good natured after supper—and then I'll tell her I've been thinking of giving \$50 to the brigade, and she'll say: 'Abe, will you never have any sense? Twenty dollars is quite enough.' So to-morrow my boy, you come around and get your \$20."

Roy.

Here's to the name of Lincoln! the man we loved so well;

His strong, true, noble spirit, no words it's worth can tell;

He showed us how to firmly stand, to wisely do and dare!

Oh, brothers, is not his true life a model pure and fair?

Lucy.

So pure, so strong, and high he stands I bring no
woman's claim
To set beside our martyred one, to share his cloud-
less fame!
A million women lift their hands, chainless and free
to-day,
And bless the great deliverer who swept their chains
away!

John. I think his Gettysburg address was fine I
have it in my pocket. I got it out of a magazine this
morning and I am going to put it in my scrap-book.

Nettie. I don't think I ever read it since you have
it so handy suppose you read it to us.

John. All right. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.
"Four score and seven years ago, our fathers
brought forth on this continent, a new nation, con-
ceived in liberty, and dedicated to the propositions
that all men are created equal. Now we are engag-
ed in a great civil war; testing whether that nation
or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can
long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of
that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of
that field as a final resting place for those who gave
their lives that that nation might live. It is alto-
gether fitting and proper that we should do this.
But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate—we cannot
consecrate—we can not hallow this ground. The
brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have
consecrated it far above our poor power to add or
deduct. The world will little note, nor long remem-

ber what we say here, but it can never forget what *they did here*.

It is for us the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who have fought here have thus far nobly advanced.

It is rather for us to be dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we have highly resolved that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation under God shall have new birth of freedom—this government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Nina. I find that he was born in 1809, on the 12th of February—the same month in which our revered Washington was born. One was called the Father of our country and the other the Savior of it. Lincoln inherited poverty and he spoke understandingly when he said ‘No men living are more worthy than those who toil upward from poverty.’

Abbey. When a boy of sixteen he earned his first dollar and in this way. He had constructed a small flat boat on which to take produce to market. Two strangers asked him to take them on it to a steam boat on the river. He took them with their trunks and when he had placed the latter on the steamer each of the strangers threw a half dollar on the floor of his boat. He could hardly realize that he had earned a dollar so easily. The world seemed wider and fairer to him after that, and his hope and confi-

dence were greatly increased. Instead of thinking how he should spend it, he planned how he might use it and add to it.

Edward. We have heard *when* he was born but no one has told us *where*.

Nina. Hardin county, Kentucky makes undisputed claim to the honor of being his birth-place, but Emma told us when and where in his (Lincoln's) own statement.

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They bow and retire.

CURTAIN.



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