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ABRAHAM LINCOLN

BORN FEBRUARY 12, 1809

"The kindly, earnest, brave, foreseeing man, sagacious, patient, dreading praise, not blame."

Abraham Lincoln

*"I'll do the very best I can,—the very best I know how.
And I mean to keep doing so till the end. If the end brings me
out all right what is said against me won't amount to anything.
If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right
would make no difference.*



LINCOLN

RICHARD HENRY STODDARD

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 downwards, not a whit dismayed.
Hold, warriors, councillors, kings! All now
give place
To this dear Benefactor of the race.