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ABRAHAM LINCOLN, PRESIDENT.

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A lean, strong babe in frontier cabin home,
B orn to a true, pure mother's fondest care,
R ich in deep love for God, and freedom's cause.
A mirthful, pensive, honest hearted lad,
H e grew to real freeman, sturdy, bold,
A s in sheer grit and ardent soul he sought
M an's fealty to a real self, to truth and right.

L ife's youthful hours, to him, were choicest gems,
I nciting all his powers to studious search.
N or loitered he in poverty's dull vale,
C onscious that a real hero soul can win,
O 'er every obstacle, a triumph grand,
L eading a soul to its tall dignity,
N igh to the mark which God ordains for man.

P oise and calm thought possessed his patient soul,
R age nor revenge e'er ruled his radiant heart,
E ach friend was held, while warring clans were
won.

S traight to his aim he followed, boy and man,
I nto the hero's path where honor's crowns
D escend. 'Twas thus he led fair freedom's hosts,
E ntwining all in Columbia's brotherhood.
N ext to "Immortal" George God placed "Old
Abe"

T o rear anew Sweet Freedom's arch,
and place Old Glory there.
Washington and Lincoln, Old Glory's
most glorious sons.

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