

# Abraham Lincoln

## 1861-1865

Abe Lincoln was a tall man,  
A lanky six-feet-four.  
He had to duck a little  
When coming through a door.  
Yet never was he known to flee  
Or duck responsibility.

Abe Lincoln was a strong man,  
A wrestler in his youth.  
He wrestled with his conscience,  
He wrestled with the truth,  
And won at splitting rails, at fairs,  
When other men were splitting hairs.

Abe Lincoln was a man's man,  
Yet women filled his life:  
Nancy Hanks, Ann Rutledge,  
And Mary Todd, his wife.  
(His face was lined, in part, by God,  
In part, they say, by Mary Todd.)

They called him "Honest Abe"  
And "Father Abraham,"  
"The Great Emancipator,"  
"Gorilla," too, and "Sham,"  
And whether it was praise or blame  
He always took it much the same.

Abe Lincoln's sense of humor  
Was such a saving grace  
It turned the dark to brightness,  
Transformed his homely face,  
And brought to people, when he spoke,  
Large wisdom in a little joke.

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A lanky six-feet-four.  
He had to duck a little  
When coming through a door,  
And, strangely, everyone he knew  
From knowing him, felt taller too.



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