

(Written on reading her "Life of Lincoln" and dedicated  
to Miss Tarbell.)

### LINCOLN.

Son of the soil and savior of a race,  
Friend of the weak and master of the strong;  
We leave our tasks to-day to scan thy face,  
One man whose work outweighs the achievements of a throng.

Yield up thy secret, martyr to a Cause,  
Whence came thy foresight, wisdom, wit, thy might,  
Thy love for justice, liberty and law,  
Thy sacrificial faith in God and Right?

From out his life the answer came:

"My trust in God led me to trust in men,  
My love for men led me to love my God;  
Within my heart I found the law of Right,  
Of truth and liberty which men applaud."

"If I indeed have gained the love of men,  
If I have won their honor, their respect,  
The secret is: I daily did the little things,  
The kindnesses, that other men neglect."

-Samuel Charles Black.