me think of a song I'd heard the soldiers singin'
We're comin' Father Abraham

And it just flashed popped with my head ~~that there it was~~ that it was true - ~~that song~~ what they called him in the song, that's ~~what he was a father~~ ~~the~~ was just the way he felt to him - like a father and somehow they'd come to know it: comin' ~~the very ideas got around among people~~ - how a lot of people who never ~~so~~ see a man in their lives - just hear about him & what he doin' will come around so understand him exact - tell you to a dot what he's with - there aint any doubt the army had come to ~~under~~ understand Mr Lincoln - they'd learned to trust him as much as he did them & they meant every will of it when they called him Father Abraham.

that's what happened in the war - the army came to understand Mr - to serve [illegible] he felt about them they got to trust him as he did them

& they meant it ~~[illegible]~~ when they called him.

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