

Abraham Lincoln's Greatest Story.

He sat in his dingy Springfield office
one night. Head dropped ~~was~~ ^{the} pressed
along the wall of a chair, ~~writing~~ ^{with} a
deep sigh from his ~~unwearying~~
soul.

Should he turn from the path of life
he had ~~after~~ ²⁰ ~~long~~ ² ~~single~~ ^{years} chosen, in which
promised security and rewards, to follow the
uncharted way? One his mysterious chair
voice warned him to be ~~unyielding~~
~~with~~ was ~~set~~ with ~~drift~~ ^{perhaps}
~~20~~ ~~years~~ ~~of~~ ~~peace~~ ~~to~~ ~~himself~~ ~~the~~ ~~nation~~.

to which he had been called? It was a
call of that he had no doubt but

More territory for slavery - territory
the law had made free - that - ~~was~~
the demand he was called to
fight - an old story - ~~try~~ ^{on} ~~graded~~ ^{comm-}
mured but this ^{Abraham} Lincoln's
clear understanding. ~~What~~ ^{What} ~~was~~ ^{it}
he settled for ~~one way~~ ^{the way} ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the}
the would come ~~the~~ ^{become} ~~nation~~ ^{all} ~~slam~~ ^a

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And who am I? he asked himself
as all the humilation of his unim-
portance in the scornful voice. "How
much bread & me article of religion."

If Douglas had not alerted ^{him} these things
 to him at home I'd never have been
 thought of. Even and even here they had
 asked of me - company, ^{my} with
 him. Douglas is at what we'd call
 man power business stopped me
 in the street. to say the least
 'even on my first pretty answers
 about mine (the group of people de-
 bating this question) what I say
 Douglas is about

"Don't I know it: He's a big man and in a little one - little, ~~and poor~~, shabby, lean - ugly - He's had all the successes since he started out together and I all the failures

~~He is both in the law both in politics~~

"What does this thing mean for me & but ridicule, contempt; suspicion defeat - and for him it will be nothing - perhaps the presidency

But in yet it isn't D. is ugly
 Min yet it stops this thing
 or will leave an America all
 alone, ~~not that, the fact, that~~
 that, if I can make a few more
 people see it - that's something
 worth all it costs

"But if we defeat D. B. stop
 keep clanking where the law has
 put it - stop it special - My the
 courts will never stand for that -
 that they do what they're meaning

I've never seen it

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The pig will go out ^{with} it will matter
 what becomes of me - ~~anything to do~~
~~stop slavery~~

4.
head the man - or try to. That means
no. How can I go with a thing
which may bring pain, not that, if
God not that?"

The ^{man wearing} ~~woman~~ ~~like to pass the hour~~
lifted his head. On the latter side
him lay the old office Bible. He
opened it - & dropping to his knees
read ~~at~~ ^{and} slowly aloud the most
painful ^{of all} manifestations of human
guilt - Matthew's story of Christ's
last fight in ^{the Garden of} Gethsemane.

"Not as I will but as Christ
will," he repeated.

Here was his answer.

Months later, when they were hurling taunts of
ambition at him, he ~~wrote~~ ^{was to write} ~~in memory of this night~~ "God knows
how sincerely I prayed from the first that this field of
ambition might not be opened."

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The man was lying on his knees but
when he rose his drooping shoulders were
squared - his ~~small~~ ^{small} ~~2~~ ² ~~face~~ ^{face} ~~calm~~
kindness was ^{gone} ~~gone~~. He would ~~go~~

When he saw in it, as in

make the fight - make it - ~~business~~ business
meanly night ~~darkness~~ deep fog, a dark
uncertain future. The nation
was

What he did not ~~know~~ ^{was} that from
that night ~~of~~ decision was to come
to him. ~~They~~ ^{the} course the police &
the ~~which~~ ^{it was} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~was~~
which was to be the main, the
course to be the proclamation of
independence with the ~~in~~ ^{and}
"all-free".

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