

Gettysburg Address

To be sung quite freely,
with much expression

Text: Abraham Lincoln
Music: Kevin G. Pace

mf

Piano

mf

Four - score and sev-en years a-go our

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fath-ers brought forth on this con - ti - nent a new na - tion, con-ceived in lib - er-ty and

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ded - i-ca-ted to the prop - o - si-tion that all men are cre - a - ted e - qual, that all men are cre - a - ted

mp

mp

13 slower *mp*

e - qual. Now we are en-gaged in a great civ - il war,

13 *rit.* *mp*

17 freely

test-ing whether that na-tion, or an-y na-tion so con-ceived and so ded-i - ca-ted, can long en - dure.

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We are met on a great bat-tle - field of that war. We have come to ded - i - cate a por-tion of that

21 *rit.*

24 *p* *a little faster* *f* *mf*

field, as a fi-nal rest-ing place for those who here gave their lives that that na-tion might live. that that

24 *p* *f* *mf*

27 *mp* slower

na - tion might live. It is al - to - geth - er fit - ting and prop - er that we should

27 *mp*

29 *f* faster

do this. But, in a large sense, we can not ded - i - cate - we

29 *f*

32 *mp*

can not con-se-crate - we can not hal-low - this ground. The brave men, liv - ing and

32 *mp*

36 slower

dead, who strug - gled here, have con - se - crat - ed it, far a - bove our poor pow - er to

36 slower 3

38 *mf* faster

add or de-tract. The world will lit - tle note, nor long re - mem - ber what we

38 *mf*

41 *mp*

say here, but it can nev - er for - get what they did here. it can

41 *mp*

44 *mf* slower

nev - er for - get what they did here. It is for us the liv - ing, rath - er to be

44 *mf* slower

47 *mp* faster *mf*

ded-i-cat-ed here to the un-fin-ished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly ad - vanced. It is

47 *mp* faster *mf*

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rath - er for us to be here ded - i - cat - ed to the great task re - main - ing be -

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fore us - that from these hon - ored dead we take in - creased de -

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vo - tion to that cause for which they gave the last full mea - sure of de - vo - tion - that

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we here high - ly re - solve that these dead shall not have died in

62

vain - - - that this na - tion, un - der God, shall

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have a new birth of free - dom - - - and that gov - ern-ment of the

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peo - ple, by the peo - ple, for the peo - ple, shall not per - ish from the earth.

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shall not per - ish from the earth.