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THE WORDS OF LINCOLN

## Master Caption

Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth President of the United States, was a dedicated believer in human freedom, democracy and the dignity of man. From his earliest days, when he was a young, unknown frontier lawyer, until his final days he showed in all his public utterances a deep concern for his fellow men and an abiding faith in them.

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5. This is the last picture taken of Lincoln, and his life's work is shown on his face. Here is the sympathy and understanding, the courage, the sacrifice and the weariness of a man who had devoted his life to his country. He had just been elected President of the United States a second time and had lived to see the end of civil war and the re-uniting of the nation. He said in his second inaugural address, March 4, 1865: "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

(The line across the picture is a crack in the original glass plate from which the print was made.)

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