

2nd Place

Abe's Diary

Starting in a cradle,
Where I hadn't known,
Someday I would save the nation I had grown.
And stop slavery. wow, had I known!

Older and older I got by the day,
Started at the school down the way,
Didn't even get through a year,
Taught myself from books I found near.

Getting older I realized I needed to change the world.
So I ran for president and was elected.
I did not know it was such a responsibility.
It was like a zoo with civil wars and slavery, too.

Going to a play and sitting in a balcony,
I hadn't known that was the end of my reality.
John Wilkes Booth not even ten feet away,
Taking my life so I could not speak another day.