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Fellow Countrymen.

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At this second appearing to take the oath of the presidential office, there is less occasion for an extended address than there was at the first. Then a statement, somewhat in detail, of a course to be pursued, seemed fitting and proper. Now, at the expiration of four years, during which public declarations have been constantly called forth on every point and phase of the great contest which still absorbs the attention, and engrosses the energies of the nation, little that is new could be presented. The progress of our arms, upon which all else chiefly depends, is as well known to the public as to myself; and it is, I trust, reasonably satisfactory and encouraging to all. With high hope for the future, no prediction in regard to it is ventured.

On the occasion corresponding to this four years ago, all thoughts were anxiously directed to an impending civil war. All dreaded it, all sought to avert it. While the inaugural address was being delivered from this place, devoted altogether to saving the Union without war, our urgent agents were in

by whom the offence came, shall we discern there is  
in any departure from those divine attributes  
which the believers in a living God always  
ascribe to Him? Fondly do we hope— fervent-  
ly do we pray— that this mighty scourge of  
war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God  
wills that it continue, until all the wealth  
piled by the bond-man's two hundred and  
fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk,  
and until every drop <sup>of</sup> blood drawn with the  
lash, shall be paid by another drawn with  
the sword, as was said ~~three~~ thousand years  
ago, so still it must be said "the judgments  
of the Lord, are true and righteous altogether"

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 <sup>have</sup> borne the bat-  
tle, and for his widow, and his orphan—  
to do all which may achieve and cherish a just,  
and a lasting peace, among ourselves, and with <sup>all nations,</sup> ~~the world.~~