



# Lincoln's Favorite Poem

Abraham Lincoln it was once said that the prevailing sentiment of his powerful, yet sad, conscience was expressed in the "Oh, may I should the spirit of mortals be freed."

The sympathetic soldier, who found there no splendid a slight name, gazed at the poet that lay with almost unwavering light.

This is the opening line of the poem which was Lincoln's favorite. It was written by a young Scotchman who died at the age of 37—the age that is yours, when the turmoil of war and stress of his people's strife. This is the poem in full:

**Mortality**  
Oh, may I should the spirit of mortals be freed?  
In a quiet, hushed room, a fair form  
A face of lightning, a brow of the dawn  
And the words of his life in the ear  
Of the living.

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## EXPOSE LAND GRAB

ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE SAYS STATE HAS BEEN FRAUDED OUT OF MILLIONS.

### ACCUSE MANY CORPORATIONS

Thousands of Acres of Water Fronts Are Alleged to Have Been Taken from the State and Sold at a Loss.

Brynsdalem, Ill.—The people of Illinois have been defrauded of land valued at more than \$100,000,000. Of this \$1,815 acre along the shores of the State from Rockford to Waukegan and 1,057 are within the limits of the city of Chicago.

The Illinois Cattle Raisers Assn. has grabbed 400 acres in the city's parks and should not be allowed to hold it until it is ready to restore it to the public. The Chicago river has been occupied by trusts of corporations and great corporations are busied to secure their interests.

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## TELEPOST CUTS INTO BUSINESS OF MORSE RIVALS IN CHICAGO

IN FIGHT FOR CONTROL OF TELEGRAPH PATRONAGE GETS BIDDING OF LARGEST USERS OF OLD SYSTEM TO CHANGE TO AUTOMATIC SYSTEM.

Chicago: The fight that has been going on here for the last few months for control of the telegraph business is now taking the form of a bidding war. The Morse system, which has been active for many years in the city of Chicago with its 10,000 wires, is now being challenged by the automatic system, which is being introduced by the Western Union and other companies.

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## EXCELLENT GRAIN FIELDS IN WESTERN CANADA

YIELDS OF WHEAT AS HIGH AS 100 BUSHELS PER ACRE REPORTED FROM SEVERAL PLACES.

Now that we have entered upon the making of a new year, it is natural to look back over the past one, for the year that has just closed has been both. The business man and farmer are alike interested in the crop that has been produced, and both of them are busy in business fields. The wheat crop in Western Canada is generally a bumper one, and the yields are high.

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