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Reminiscence of April 15-  
1865 - April 14

As a little child I can  
recall the terror of a  
grief stricken nation on  
that tragic morning <sup>of April 15</sup>.  
It was market <sup>day.</sup> morning  
and I bundled by my  
mother's side as we  
passed through the  
crowd and heard  
moanings and sorrowings  
over the loss of our beloved President

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through  
and smuteries - (as  
Dela. was on the new  
line) heated exclamation  
times as "I'm glad of it" -  
we heard.

but  
Such brutal remarks  
were promptly silenced  
by indignant bystanders -  
though I saw  
through much nearly  
created a mob. not.

I can recall my father  
felt a horrible calamity  
had befallen us and  
the future looked dark

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and hopeless with our  
leader and prophet  
stricken in this untimely  
manner by a cruel  
assassin. — We feel our  
problems today are  
colossal and so they are  
but imagine, if possible, ~~to be~~  
a nation in peril without  
our President. What chaos  
and panic it would  
create. Besides the war  
had just closed and

and Grant had  
told Lee to keep  
their horses, they  
needed them for the  
spring ploughing.

Surely it was a  
message of Peace  
to ~~turn~~ swords into  
ploughshares.

That was the most <sup>offer</sup>  
magnanimous ~~gesture~~  
~~that has ever been~~.

a defeated ~~army's~~ army  
ever received

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our Country was beginning  
the period of reconstruction.  
Grant & Lee had met at Appomattox.  
We had nearly been severed  
in two but the Hand  
of Providence pointed  
the way through our  
prophet Lincoln for the  
preservation of our Union.  
What a master-piece!  
When could we be true  
without our <sup>national</sup> solidarity?  
The problems of war like  
nations across the sea

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would be confronting us & so  
multiplying our disasters.  
It seemed a coincidence that  
Lincoln was martyred on  
Good Friday, the anniversary  
of Christ's Crucifixion. —  
It was indeed a national  
benediction. — one editorial  
said. "He is a martyr on  
the altar of Liberty. No name  
will be honored by posterity  
more than that of Lincoln.  
Freedom's ablest defender.  
and the second Father

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of his Country. — Truly  
~~it was said of him by~~ Epitaph  
Sey Chase as his spirit  
fled and his great heart  
ceased to beat — "Now  
he belongs to the Ages!"

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As his brave spirit  
passed out & his noble  
heart ceased to <sup>beat</sup> beat,  
Sey Chase who stood by  
his bedside whispered in  
hushed & solemn voice,  
"Now he belongs to the  
Ages!"

vote on Dela.

When the vote was  
taken in Legislature whether  
~~if~~ Dela. should become  
a northern or a slave  
State, Mr. Cameron  
father of Dr. Amos  
Camm, was in Leg. - I  
think Speaker of the House -  
at any rate that ~~vote~~ <sup>the</sup>  
the ~~casting~~ <sup>deciding</sup> vote for <sup>cast</sup>  
Dela. to uphold fact  
as northern State &  
for the Union.