



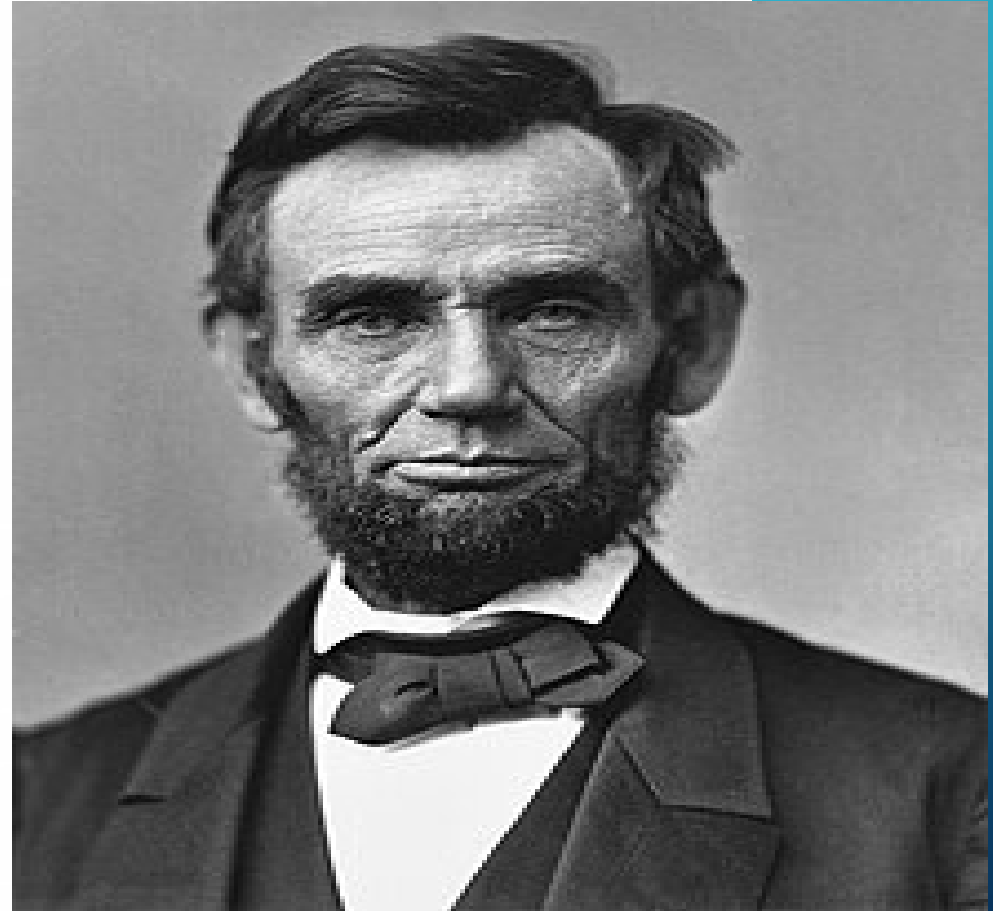
O CAPTAIN! MY CAPTAIN!

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN

ABOUT THE POET

Walter Whitman (May 31, 1819 – March 26, 1892) was an American poet, essayist, and journalist. He is considered one of the most influential poets in American history. . In *Leaves of Grass* (1855, 1891-2), he celebrated democracy, nature, love, and friendship. This monumental work chanted praises to the body as well as to the soul, and found beauty and reassurance even in death.

ABOUT THE POEM

- Publication – November, 1865
- Genre- Elegy
- Published in- Leaves of Grass
- 3 stanzas
- Symbolic poem
- Captain- Abraham Lincoln
- Ship- USA

O CAPTAIN! MY CAPTAIN! POEM IS A TRIBUTE BY POET WALT WHITMAN TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN, FOLLOWING HIS ASSASSINATION IN 1865. ABRAHAM LINCOLN SERVED AS THE 16TH PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES FROM 1861-1865. HE WAS ASSASSINATED ON APRIL 14, 1865, WHILE ATTENDING THE PLAY OUR AMERICAN COUSIN AT FORD'S THEATRE IN WASHINGTON D.C. SHOT IN THE HEAD AS HE WATCHED THE PLAY.

THIS POEM DESCRIBES THE VICTORY OF THE UNION AFTER THE END OF THE CIVIL WAR AND ALSO THE ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT LINCOLN. LINCOLN LED THE NATION THROUGH ITS GREATEST MORAL, CONSTITUTIONAL AND POLITICAL CRISIS IN THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR. HE SUCCEEDED IN PRESERVING THE UNION, ABOLISHING THE SLAVERY, BOLSTERING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND MODERNIZING THE US ECONOMY.

DETAILED SUMMARY

O Captain! my Captain!
 whose keels have been
 so long
 under the old wooden top,
 whose work has been so brave
 and true,
 whose ship has long and safely
 sailed
 on our southern seas,
 whose port is now a sad
 and empty sea,
 whose hull is broken up,
 and all exulting,
 while follow eyes that
 grow
 grim and daring;
 But O heart! heart! heart!
 O the bleeding drops of red,
 where on the deck my Captain
 lay,
 fallen cold and dead.

The poem is a elegy for the Captain of the ship. The Captain is described as a brave and true leader who has led the ship safely on its journey. The ship is now in a state of disrepair, and the Captain is dead. The poet expresses his grief and admiration for the Captain's bravery. The poem is written in a simple, direct style, and the language is powerful and evocative. The poet uses the metaphor of the ship to represent the Captain's life and the journey of the nation. The poem is a powerful statement about the cost of war and the loss of a great leader. The poet's use of the word "heart" is a powerful metaphor for the Captain's courage and the poet's grief. The poem is a beautiful and moving tribute to a great man.

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O Captain! rise up
bells;

Rise up—for the
bugle trills,

For you bouquets
you the shores

For you they call, the
eager faces turning;

Here Captain! dear father,

This arm beneath your head!

It is some dream that on the deck,

You've fallen cold and dead.

...es to talk to
...s dead. This
...s called
...ptain to rise
...ng, flags are
...nts are being
...d etc. The people
... arrival, but he is
...oted that the captain
...ce these ceremonies are
...e poet goes in reminiscence
... consider this death to be fancy
...ut at last, he has to believe that Captain is
... dead. Poet calls him father because, for him,
... Lincoln is not just a military leader but the
... father of the nation and laments over his loss

3RD STA

Captain does not
father does not
ship is anchor
,
n fearful trip the v
lt O shores, and ring
I with mournful tread,
k the deck my Captain lies,
en cold and dead.

quality of
the euphoric
the laments ov
big loss for t
the captain is
can neither feel
heart is beating. It i
has arrived at its
'ul trip' i.e. horrors of t
now and there is relief am
people are rejoicing but the poe
mourning over the death of Lincoln. The 'dec
here refers to the cemetery of Lincoln. Poet,
moving around this place, laments over his
death. Hence the poem ends with both victo
as well as loss.

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