We are coming, Father Abraham,
Six hundred thousand more,
From Mississippi's winding stream,
And from New England's shore.
We leave our ploughs and workshops,
Our wives and children dear,
With hearts too full for utterance.
With but a silent tear.
We will not look behind us,
But steadfastly before.
We are coming, Father Abraham.
Six hundred thousand more!

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Stanford Lincoln Co.
May 31st, 1863

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