

HONOR'S VOICE



*The Transformation of
Abraham Lincoln*

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Elegy - sad poem

Honest all 315

later years - master of
deflecting a charge
that was ~~to~~ true

Lincoln appears
suicidal P 235

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Ann Rutledge -

Death - A.L. first sign
of emotional vulnerability

loss of mother - age 9

sister Sarah - age 18

bar-psyched brawling
in Indiana

Alc and reading (father)
Prostitute - P 183

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Abraham Lincoln
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doubts and fears of who he was
at odds with prevailing religions
suffered periods of depression / suicide desperation

Reminiscent testimony - used to write this book

Lincoln's mother - a bastard old Henderson

"Long Nine"

An Mary Owens - letter from A.L. to Eliza Browning p132

(Wrestling match) - turning point in L. life (grasping
Jack Armstrong) - Was there foul play from A. A. by the throat

Mary Todd - violent temper - flirtation with Stephen D. -
L. - went crazy as a loon

L. - racy stories - women not present at rallies
violence

L. and M.T. courtship in 1839/40 - "increase in size" p224

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a lot of the history was recalled 30 to 40 yrs later

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Melancholy
a sad man
friendly
good-natured
sociable
well-spoken
storyteller

looked and dressed awkwardly
Hooier accent

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suicide
helped other women
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failure
Unhappiness

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gave up fighting
became anti Jackson } 1829-31
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Jack Armstrong

Denton Offutt
John McColoy
John Hay
Orville Browning

William Herndon
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(gascragg)
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Matilda Edwards
Mary Owens
Sarah Richard

Lincoln's stories p68 illicit sexuality
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flatulence
physical handicaps
ethnic stereotypes

Lincoln's mother was a wrestler

Melancholy versus source of hilarity and comicality

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