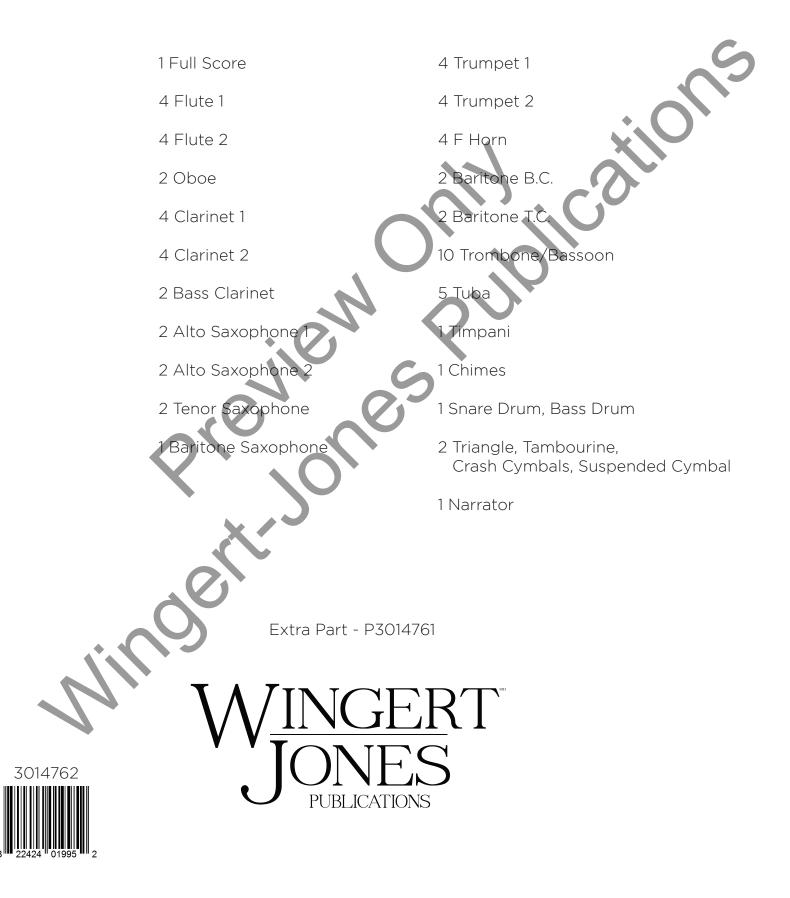
# Lincoln at Gettysburg

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## Performance Notes

Lincoln at Gettysburg is inspired by Abraham Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address," one of the most dramatic, deeply moving speeches of all time, first delivered by our sixteenth president at the historic Civil War battleground in Pennsylvania. Its profound words still ring true nearly one hundred and fifty years later. This solemn work is composed to be performed effectively without the narration, but use of the narration is recommended to achieve the full emotional depth of the work.

### About the Composer

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#### The Gettysburg Address Abraham Lincoln - November 19, 1863

#### Part I (On Cue)

Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation: conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war. . .testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated. . . can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war.

#### Part II (On Cue)

We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate. . .we cannot consecrate. . . we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.

#### Part III (On Cue)

It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us. . .that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion. . . that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain. . . that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom. . . and that government of the people. . .by the people. . .for the people. . . shall not perish from the earth.

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