

Messages from Mount Rushmore

Narration

By Tim Berens and Louise Berens

November 9, 2019

Copyright 2019, Tim Berens/Louise Berens

All Rights Reserved.

Messages from Mount Rushmore

Narration

By Tim Berens and Louise Berens

November 9, 2019

*Introduction "America the Beautiful" theme
Strings hold chord.*

- 7 GW
- In offering to you, my countrymen, these counsels of an old and affectionate friend, I dare not hope they will make the strong and lasting impression I could wish.

Main Melody Begins.

- 11 TJ
- 13 AL
- 15 GW
- 17 TR
- 19 TJ
- 21 GW
- 23 AL
- 25 TR
- 29 TJ
- 33 GW
- God grant that men of principle shall be our principal men.
 - All through life, be sure and put your feet in the right place, and then stand firm.
 - Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth.
 - Much has been given us, and much will rightfully be expected from us.
 - Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom.
 - Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder.
 - No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar.
 - Do not let selfish men or greedy interests skin your country of its beauty, its riches or its romance.
 - The greatest good we can do our country is to heal its party divisions and make them one people.
 - There is nothing which can better deserve our patronage than the promotion of science and literature.

50's pizzicato section begins.

Wait 4 bars before first quote.

- 40
- 44 TJ
- 48 TJ
- 52 TR
- 56 TJ
- 60 TJ
- 64 AL
- Good wine is a necessity of life for me.
 - It is neither wealth nor splendor, but tranquility and occupation which give you happiness.
 - Full knowledge of the past helps us in dealing with the future.
 - Knowledge is power. Knowledge is safety. Knowledge is happiness.
 - I cannot live without books.
 - The things I want to know are in books; my best friend is the man who'll get me a book I ain't read.

Rhythm Stops. Orchestra holds chord.

67 TR

- A man who has never gone to school may steal a freight car; but if he has a university education, he may steal the whole railroad.

Music Stops. Hold for laughter from audience.

68 GW

- It is assuredly better to go laughing than crying thro' the rough journey of life.

69

'A la Mozart' theme begins. Wait 8 bars of 2/4 time.

78 AL

- The creator, after providing all the mechanism for carrying on the world, made music as a simple, unalloyed pleasure.

86 TJ

- Do not neglect your music. It will be a companion which will sweeten many hours of life to you.

94 AL

- Listening to melody, every man becomes his own poet.

102 TJ

- Music is the favorite passion of my soul, and fortune has cast my lot in a country where it is in a state of deplorable barbarism.

Drums begin march.

110 GW

- The music of the army being in general very bad;

112

Wait for 2 bars of "Yankee Doodle." Speak quickly.

114 GW

- it is expected, that the drum and fife Majors exert themselves to improve it ... Stated hours to be assigned, for all the drums and fifes to practice. . .

Wait for 1 bar.

119 GW

- practice . . .

Wait for 1 bar.

121 GW

- practice.

Wait for 2 bars.

124 GW

- Nothing is more agreeable, and ornamental, than good music; every officer, for the credit of his corps, should take care to provide it.

Music Stops.

- 129 TJ
- History, in general, only informs us what bad government is.

50's pizzicato section begins.

- 130
- 131 TR
- It is hard to fail but it is worse never to have tried to succeed.
- 135 TJ
- Though an old man, I am but a young gardener.
- 139 TR
- If a man stumbles, it is a good thing to help him to his feet. Every one of us needs a helping hand now and then.
- 143 AL
- Common looking people are the best in the world: that is the reason the Lord makes so many of them.

Wait 4 bars before next quote..

- 147
- When you have got an elephant by the hind legs and he is trying to run away, it's best to let him run.
- 151 AL
- Do not bite at the bait of pleasure, till you know there is no hook beneath it.
- 155 TJ

Pizzicato version of "To a Wild Rose"

- 159 AL
- All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.

Strings hold chord.

- 163 AL
- God bless the women of America.

"Amazing Grace" Wait 4 bars.

- 164
- While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion.
- 168 GW
- The doctrines of Jesus are simple, and tend to all the happiness of man.
- 172 TJ
- Every person may here worship God according to the dictates of his own heart.
- 174 GW

Wait 4 bars

- 176
- It does me no injury for my neighbor to say there are 20 gods or no God. It neither picks my pocket nor breaks my leg.
- 180 TJ
- A grove of giant redwood or sequoias should be kept just as we keep a great and beautiful cathedral.
- 184 TR

Orchestra holds chord.

- 187 AL
- I hope to have God on my side, but I must have . . .

Pause for drums to begin march.

188 AL

- Kentucky.

Minor version of main theme

190 GW

- The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God, on the courage and conduct of this army. Our cruel and unrelenting enemy leaves us only the choice of brave resistance, or the most abject submission. We have, therefore, to resolve to conquer or die.

198 GW

- There is nothing so likely to produce peace as to be well prepared to meet an enemy.

200 TJ

- Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press.

202 GW

- If freedom of speech is taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter.

206 TR

- Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the president or any other public official.

Orchestra holds chord.

211 AL

- Whenever I hear anyone arguing for slavery, I feel a strong impulse to see it tried on him personally.

212

Drums begin march. Wait 2 bars, then speak quickly.

214 AL

- No attempt at negotiation with the insurgent leader could result in any good. Between him and us the issue is distinct, simple, and inflexible. It is an issue which can only be tried by war and decided by victory.

Drum Roll

Strings play "To a Wild Rose."

221 AL

- With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds.

226 *"Campaign Rally March" (Sousa style) begins. Wait 4 bars.*

- 230 TR • Speak softly and carry a big stick — you will go far.
- 232 GW • It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one.
- 234 TJ • I hold it that a little rebellion now and then is a good thing.

236 *Wait 2 bars.*

- 238 AL • Stand with anybody that stands right. Stand with him while he is right and part with him when he goes wrong.
- 242 AL • We the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts.

Orchestra holds chord.

- 246 AL • Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters.

Main Theme Returns. 4 bars for each quote in this section. Take your time.

- 248 AL • I leave you, hoping that the lamp of liberty will burn in your bosoms...
- 252 GW • Observe good faith and justice towards all Nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all.
- 256 TR • There is no good reason why we should fear the future, but there is every reason why we should face it seriously...
- 260 AL • All the armies of Europe, Asia and Africa combined . . . could not by force, take a drink from the Ohio . . . If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher.

Orchestra holds chord. Chimes plays note.

266 TJ

- We hold these truths to be self-evident . . .

"America the Beautiful" begins.

267 TJ

- . . . that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

275 AL

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

279 AL

- 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.