

*Caprera, 6 August 1863*

*To Abraham Lincoln:*

*Emancipator of the Slaves in the American Republic*

*If in the midst of the clangor of your titanic strife our voices may also mingle, O Lincoln, let us the free Sons of Columbus send a message of augury and of admiration of the great work you have initiated.*

*Heir of the thought of Christ and of Brown, you will pass down to posterity under the name of the Emancipator,! more enviable than any crown and any human treasure!*

*An entire race of mankind yoked by selfishness to the collar of Slavery, is, by You, at the price of the noblest blood of America, restored to the dignity of Manhood, to Civilization, and to Love.*

*America, teacher of liberty to our Fathers, now opens the most solemn Era of human progress, and whilst she amazes the world by her gigantic boldness, makes us sadly reflect that this old Europe, albeit agitated by the grand cause of freedom, does not understand, nor move forward to become equal to her.*

*Whilst the epicurean upholders of Despotisms intone the bacchic ode which celebrates the decay of a free people, let the free, religiously celebrate the downfall of Slavery-- Parallel Mysteries of History! -- the rapine of Mexico and the proclamation of Lincoln!*

*Greeting to you Abraham Lincoln great pilot of freedom; greeting to all who for two years have fought and bled around your regenerating Standard; greeting to you, the redeemed offspring of Ham.*

*The free men of Italy welcome the glorious rupture of your chains.*

*The Italian Liberals*

*G. Garibaldi,  
M. Garibaldi,  
R. Garibaldi*