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Frederick and Abraham

Primary Source Reading

Frederick Douglass:

"Those who profess to favor freedom and yet deprecate agitation . . . want crops without plowing up the ground, they want rain without thunder and lightning, they want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters. . . . Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did, and it never will."

Abraham Lincoln:

"A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved—I do not expect the house to fall—but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing or all the other."