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# The Gettysburg Address

Four score and seven years ago,  
On this continent a new nation our fathers brought forth  
Conceived in liberty and dedicated  
To the proposition that all men are created equal.  
Now that we are engaged in a great civil war,  
Testing whether that nation, or  
Any nation so conceived and dedicated, can long endure.  
We are met on a great battlefield of that war.  
We have come to dedicate a portion  
Of that field as final resting place for those who gave  
Their lives so 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.  
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 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.