

The Plan for Lincoln

In *A Book of Americans*, Rosemary Benet visualized Nancy Hanks returning to earth seeking information on her son, Abraham Lincoln. Among other pensive queries, she asks:



- *Where's my son?*
- *What's he done?*
- *Did he grow tall?*
- *Did he learn to read?*
- *Did he get to town?*

It is a tender and touching poem. Nancy Hanks never knew – or did she? – that her son grew strong, as strong as justice and as straight as a woodsman's wedge.

She never knew – or did she? – that he learned to read the printed word and to courageously perform the correct deed.

Nancy Hanks never knew – or did she? – that the boy whom she left at nine years of age went to town, the big town of Washington, D.C., in the most crucial hours of his country's history, and left a monument not only in marble but also in our memories as the great watershed of justice, a giant of righteousness.

Abraham Lincoln reached a rare maturity.

As we look back in history, it is evident that God had a plan for this young nation called America, and His plan included Lincoln.

God also has a plan for your life. Perhaps it is not to be the president of the United States, although who can say? Of one thing we can be certain: Whatever He has in mind for you is important. Maybe it is ...

- Brightening a room with a broad smile every day.
- Sharing a funny story and giving a hug to a resident struggling with disappointment or despair.
- Baking a cake for a person facing a birthday alone.
- Just sitting and listening to a friend adrift on a sea of grief.



God's desire for your life could be any of these, or hundreds of opportunities, to positively impact the lives of others.

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For those who work in Life Care, Century Park or Life Care at Home, God's will for you most likely is to be a caregiver.

Can there be any nobler calling – even president of the United States – than that?

– Beecher Hunter