

CAUSES OF THE CIVIL WAR

THAT TOOK US TO WAR TOOK US TO WAR TOOK US TO WAR

(verse 1)

THE MISSOURI COMPROMISE OF 1820 MISSOURI COMPROMISE OF 1820
THIS LAW CREATED AN IMAGINARY LINE THROUGH THE LOUISIANA
TERRITORY

ALL STATES NORTH WOULD BE FREE STATES
ALL STATES SOUTH WOULD BE SLAVE STATES
THIS WORKED UNTIL 1850

WHEN CALIFORNIA ASKED TO BE
PART OF THE UNITED STATES

THIS UPSET THE BALANCE OF FREE AND SLAVE STATES
THEN CAME THE COMPROMISE OF 1850

ALLOWING TERRITORIES TO DECIDE ON SLAVERY
THE NORTH HAD TO OBEY THE SLAVE LAW FUGITIVE

A LAW THAT PUT CALIFORNIA TO THE UNION
THE FUGITIVE SLAVE LAW REQUIRED POLICE IN FREE STATES
TO HELP CAPTURE ESCAPED SLAVES
AND FREE AMERICANS CAN BE CAUGHT AND SOLD INTO SLAVERY
SOLD INTO SLAVERY

THE KANSAS AND NEBRASKA ACT ACT
1854 LAW LAW

ALLOWED KANSAS AND NEBRASKA TERRITORIES
TO DECIDE IF THEY WANT SLAVERY

THEN CAME DRED SCOTT
1857 DECISION FROM SUPREME COURT

DRED SCOTT WAS ENSLAVED
ASKED THE COURT FOR HIS FREEDOM SINCE HIS OWNER LIVED IN A FREE
STATE

THE COURT SAID NO HE WAS PRIVATE PROPERTY
AND THE OWNER CAN TAKE ANYWHERE HIS PRIVATE PROPERTY
THEN CAME THE JOHN BROWN RAID

WHEN JOHN BROWN AND HIS FOLLOWERS INVADED
A BUILDING IN VIRGINIA THAT WAS USED TO STORE GOVERNMENT
WEAPONS

THEY WERE ALL ARRESTED
JOHN BROWN WAS AN ABOLITIONIST
WITH HOPES TO REBEL, END SLAVERY WITH HIS ACTIONS
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(chorus)

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THINGS, ECONOMIC THINGS

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(verse2)

THE ELECTION OF 1860
THEY KNEW ABRAHAM LINCOLN STOOD AGAINST SLAVERY
DURING THIS ELECTION HE WAS THE ONLY CANDIDATE OUT OF FOUR
THAT STOOD AGAINST SLAVERY
LINCOLN AGREED IF HE WAS PRESIDENT
HE'D LEAVE SLAVERY ALONE WHERE IT ALREADY EXIST
THE PROBLEM WAS IF NO NEW STATES BECAME SLAVE STATES
GOVERNMENT MAJORITY WOULD GO TO THE FREE STATES
IN THE SOUTH THIS ANGERED THEM
THEY THREATENED TO SECEDE IF LINCOLN WON
BY MARCH 1861 MISSISSIPPI, FLORIDA, ALABAMA,
TEXAS, GEORGIA, LOUISIANA
AND SOUTH CAROLINA HAD FORMED A
NEW COUNTRY CALLED THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA
KNOWN AS THE CONFEDERACY
AND JEFFERSON DAVIS WAS PICKED FOR THEIR PRESIDENCY
WHEN LINCOLN TOOK OFFICE MARCH 4TH 1861
MORE PROBLEMS BEGUN
LINCOLN PROMISE TO OCCUPY AND CONTROL
ALL FEDERAL LAND IN THE SOUTH....THE SOUTH SAID NO
IN CHARLESTON SOUTH CAROLINA
THE UNION ARMY OCCUPIED FORT SUMTER
CONFEDERATE ARMY SHOT THROUGH SUMTERS WALLS
AND THAT WAS THE FIRST BATTLE OF THE CIVIL WAR
AFTER FORT SUMTER NORTH CAROLINA, ARKANSAS, VIRGINIA, TENNESSE
LEFT THE UNION
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