

## *Text to "Gardens of Stone"*

### *Opening Speech to "Gardens of Stone"*

*"The willingness of some to give their lives so that others might live never fails to evoke in us a sense of wonder and mystery." Words spoken by President Reagan at Arlington National Cemetery.....a Garden of Stone.....resting place for more than 240,000 American military men and women. "One gets that feeling on this hallowed ground.... the same poignant feeling that one gets looking across the rows of white crosses and Stars of David in Europe, in the Philippines, and all other military cemeteries here in our own land. Each grave marks the resting place of an American hero..... all different and yet all alike. As we honor their memory, let us pledge that their lives, that their sacrifices, that their valor shall be justified and remembered for as long as God gives life to this great nation."*

### *Second Speech to "Gardens of Stone"*

*General Eisenhower spoke these words to our troops before the World War II invasion of Normandy. "The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty loving people everywhere march with you."*

### *Third Speech to "Gardens of Stone"*

*Abraham Lincoln's words at the dedication of Gettysburg... another garden of Stone...are as poignant today...and indeed as powerful...as they were in 1863. .... "Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.*

*Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of it, as a final resting place for those who died here, that the nation might live. This we may, in all propriety do. 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 hallowed it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here; while it can never forget what they did here.*

*It is rather for us the living, we here be dedicated to the great task remaining before us - that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion-that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation 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."*

#### **Fourth Speech to "Gardens of Stone"**

*"Let us pledge that their lives, that their sacrifices, that their valor shall be justified and remembered for as long as God gives life to this great nation"....Gardens of Stone... Gardens of Honor..*