## **Because You Knew**

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In reflection of The War Between the States -

Less than a century after our Forefathers declared liberty from unrighteous tyrates,

Defending States Rights, our Confederate Ancestors knew ---

- Liberty meant people govern themselves

Who Knew---

-- Tyranny must be quelled at any cost,

Who Knew---

...... Fortunes and family would probably be lost.

Who committed to their ideals and values resulting in,

Shots heard around the world - again.

Men, and boys not even men, fought

- brother against brother.

But they knew -

our Confederate ancestors knew,

what they had to do.

Reflecting upon their bitter sorrow and pain,

We Southern flowers stand to honor their name - because----

We know.

We stand with our hearts, united as one,

For the years of toil and strain born

Honoring our Confederate ancestors,.

already gone.

We know

We can make a difference through our continued efforts.

Our God is mighty and attends those who were hurt,

It is our heart's desire,

To better know, honor, and carry the name proudly of--

Our Confederate ancestors,

of whom we love.

Like a spring trickling from the mountaintop,

We shall continue our journey, we shall not stop,

Generating wellsprings of knowledge and truth,

Watering all the flowers of the world, the aged and the youth.

Because You Knew,

---- we now know too.