



To Lemuel, a young runaway slave, life in Gettysburg is everything he had dreamed it would be.

He has a good job at the general store and a good friend in the shop's owner, Mrs. McIlheny, who has taught him how to read. But, Lemuel still dreams of becoming a soldier in the Union Army. Having already lost her husband to the war, Mrs. McIlheny fears for Lemuel's safety and pleads with him not to join up.

Mrs. McIlheny is visited by her nephew, Jacob McLain, a private in the Confederate Army, who comes to the store after his regiment has temporarily taken control of Gettysburg. Jacob and Lemuel become unlikely friends when they realize that they grew up in the

same county in Georgia. The men recognize each other's worth and see that, despite different allegiances, they can become friends.

During the Battle of Gettysburg, Jacob is wounded and returns to his aunt's general store to take refuge. When a suspicious Union sergeant returns to the store and sees Jacob, Lemuel must come to Jacob's aid.

ArtsPower's patriotic and inspiring Civil War musical, ***Fourscore & Seven Years Ago***, is a story of how freedom can begin with a simple act of kindness.

LENGTH OF PERFORMANCE: 50 MINUTES

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