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## **G. and P. Tanner; Food Preservation; Brown, Miller; Memorial concert; Rinzler**

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{Group Singing} --begun.

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Amazing Grace!

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How sweet the sound.

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That saved a wretch like me!

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I once was lost,

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but now am found.

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Was blind, but now I see.

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{Unknown Speaker} Before we move into the rest of the music I'd like to read something about the festival

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which was spoken at the second festival at the end of a very trying time.

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And I want to read it because I think it's a particularly beautiful evocation of

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the spirit of the kinds of people that you have on the stage singing today that come together here.

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Grass roots people from all over the nation, who are really the power of this country.

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And I think Alan Lomax, in his closing remarks to the 68 festival, expressed the spirit of that festival,

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which meant so much to Abby as well as so much to all of us here.

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It's the kind of spirit that Abby evoked in the participant's handbook which he designed for this festival.

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Laid it out, chose the photographs.

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And it's not surprising that with that handbook in hand 200 people came here

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and made happen on these grounds this week one of the most loving and wonderful together experiences

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that those of us who worked on this festival together with him have ever had.

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I think you'll understand when you hear Alan's words.

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You have to understand that these words were spoken right after the closing of Resurrection City, that struggle.

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Poor people from all over the country traveling on foot.

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Guild teams traveling in buses for days.

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Black and white and red coming--



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