

# Emancipation Day

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And so today, we dance for our ancestors ...  
those taken from Africa and transported in the  
belly of a ship.

Torn from their homes, Stripped away from their  
families, and forced to Toil in fields

Oppressed but never suppressing

The fire and spirit of their ancestors, preserving  
and cultivating culture, building community, and  
dying for our freedom

And so we dance for those ancestors who knew  
175 years ago that today, Glory would be ours.