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JOHN BROWN

(Read at the unveiling of a marble statue by Negroes
at Western University, Kansas City, Kan. 1911)

We meet on freedom's ground today
To celebrate the deeds
Of one who gave his life to show
Devotion to our needs.

No monument was needed here [5]
In honor of his name;
In story and in song are told
His glory and his fame.

The story of John Brown is known [10]
Wherever freedom reigns,
His deeds of valor fire the blood
In every freeman's veins.

That cruel hand of fate decreed
That Brown should lose his life,
But his example set the pace [15]
For freeman's greater strife.

The soul of Brown goes marching on,
His body in the grave,
Recalls the sacrifice he made
To free his friend, the slave. [20]

When future generations see
The marble statue here,
They will not fail the memory
Of John Brown to revere.