



We observe today not a victory of party but a celebration of freedom.
 wi əb'zɜ:v tə'dei nɒ:t ə 'vɪktəri əv 'pɑ:ti bʌt ei ,selɪ'breɪʃn əv 'fri:dəm
 Symbolising an end, as well as a beginning,
 'sɪmbəlaɪzɪŋ ən end əz wel əz ei bɪ'ɡɪnɪŋ
 signifying renewal, as well as change
 'sɪgnɪfaɪŋ rɪ'nu:əl/ əz wel əz tʃeɪndʒ
 For I have sworn before you and Almighty God the same solemn oath
 /fɔ:ɹ⁶ aɪ hæv swɔ:n 'bɪfɔ: ju: ænd⁷ 'ɒ:lmaɪti ɡɒ:d ðə seɪm 'sɒ:ləm ouθ
 our forebears prescribed nearly a century and three quarters ago.
 ɑ:⁸ 'fɔə'bæəz prə'skraɪbd 'niəli eɪ¹⁰ 'sentʃəri ən θri: kwɔ:təz ə'gəʊ
 The world is very different now, for man holds
 /ðə wɜ:ld ɪz 'vɛ:ɪ 'dɪfɪənt¹¹ naʊ/fɔ: mæn haʊldz
 in his mortal hands, the power to abolish all forms
 ɪn hɪz 'mɔ:təl hændz/ðə 'paʊə tu ə'bɒ:lɪʃ ɒ:l fɔ:mz
 of human poverty and all forms of human life.
 əv 'hju:mən pɒ:vɪti¹² ənd ɒ:l fɔ:mz əv 'hju:mən laɪf /
 And yet the same revolutionary beliefs for which our forebears fought
 ænd jət ðə seɪm ɹevə'lʊ:ʃənɛ:ɪ bɪ'li:fs fɔ: hwaɪtʃ ɑ: 'fɔə bæəz fɔ:t
 are still at issue around the globe. The belief that the rights of man come
 ɑ: stɪl æt 'ɪʃu: ə'raʊnd ðə ɡləʊb/ðə bɪɡ'li:f ðæt ðə ɹaɪts əv mæn kʌm
 not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of God.
 nɒ:t frɔ:m ðə 'dʒenərəsɪti əv ðə staɪt/bʌt frɔ:m ðə hænd əv ɡɑ:d¹³ /
 We dare not forget today that we are the heirs of that first revolution.
 wi dəə nɒ:t fə'ɡet tə'dei ðæt wi ɑ: ði æəz əv ðæt fɜ:st ɹevə'lʊ:ʃn/

⁶ Linking "r".

⁷ Strong form

⁸ Simplification of the diphthong

⁹ FORCE word /ɔ:/.

¹⁰ Strong form

¹¹ Compressed.

¹² Kennedy uses /ɪ/ instead of the more normal /ɹ/.

¹³ Kennedy uses a general American sound here and the New England sound in the first instance of this word.