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Most recent composition of Ralph E. Williams, assistant professor of music at the University of Minnesota, Morris was published this month by Kjos Publishing Company, Park Ridge, Illinois.

Professor Williams was commissioned by Kjos to write a choral festival appropriate for Civil War Centennial celebrations to be held between now and 1965. Entitled "Four Score and Seven", the text of Williams' composition is based on Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

Written for mixed chorus with organ or piano as accompaniment, the work will be presented at music clinics and choral groups throughout the summer and is expected to receive wide usage during the next four years at special concerts and events commemorating the Civil War.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota, Williams taught voice and choral work at the University's St. Paul Campus and directed the well-known Apollo Club of Minneapolis for four years before coming to the University of Minnesota, Morris. During the past year he organized and directed all UMM music groups as well as giving instruction in voice.