

19th Amendment

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August 18, 1920: Woman Suffrage Amendment Ratified

Women have been fighting for the legal right to vote since the 1840's. In 1890 the National American Woman Suffrage Association, NAWSA, was established with Susan B. Anthony its leading force. But women have been fighting for their rights since the very beginning of time

First they said we couldn't dance
Then said we couldn't drink
And unless some man allowed it
They said we couldn't think
They said we shouldn't speak 'til we were spoken to
Well, there was just so much back then We weren't allowed to do

But the first bite of that apple I guess revealed the truth
That's when Eve got smart
And that's why Adam don't like fruit
But that ol' tree of knowledge
Had some limbs that broke
We had to fight for women's rights
They said we couldn't vote

It is the duty of the women of this country to secure for themselves the sacred right to vote

We've carried signs, we've cussed at times
Marched up and down the streets
We had to fight for women's rights
Wore blisters on our feet
We got tired of seein' all our dreams go up in smoke
Burdens more than we could tote
Having lies crammed down our throats
But that ol' dam finally broke
When women finally got the right to vote
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They said a woman's place
Was staying in her hut
Washin', cookin', cleanin'
Wipin' baby's butts
They said she'd never see the day
We'd equal up to them
But here we are, we've come so far
I guess we sure showed them

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We were defiant, I'll admit
But we all knew we couldn't quit
'Cause the suffrage amendment must be passed
We protested, we cried out
Finally it came about
Ratified by Tennessee, we won at last

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We had to fight for women's rights
We won the right to vote

They thought we were a joke
They tried to dash our hopes
With every word they spoke
They tried to revoke
A woman's right to vote
But we made it!

And August 18, 1920: Woman Suffrage Amendment was ratified

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