

Battle Hymn of Equal Rights



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This is a joyful moment.

A moment to come together, to stand together, and to celebrate equality under the
Constitution.

The Equal Rights Amendment is ours—
and now, we lift our voices.

Verse 1

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the ERA as law
We the people ratified it, there's no deadline and no flaw
It's in the Constitution, can't be overturned like law
It's truth is marching on!

Chorus

Glory, Glory ERA stands!
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Equality is ours!

Verse 2

Women bring forth life and hold the future fast within our grasp
A nation's strength is measured by how mothers' rights will last
Women are the cornerstone from which we humans all are cast
Her truth is marching on!

Verse 3

In Seventeen Seventy-Six men claimed democracy in name
In Eighteen Forty-Eight the women voiced their rightful claim
In Twenty-Two we finally reached the law that was our aim
Its truth is marching on!

Verse 4:

The Fourteenth speaks of equal laws—but not of women's place,
So the courts have failed to guard our rights with equal strength and grace
Without strict scrutiny in law, we have no equal space
The truth is marching on!

Verse 5:

The Nineteenth gave the vote to women—nothing more than that
No equality before the law, no constitutional fact
A voice was gained—but not the equal rights that women sought
The truth is marching on!

Verse 6:

The required states have ratified, the ERA is law
Yet it still stands unrequited and obstructed without cause
By those in power, right and left, a constitutional theft
The truth is marching on!

Verse 7:

The people call for equal rights in every state and town
A democracy demands equality for women now
No nation stands as just and free where women's rights are bound
The truth is marching on!

Verse 8:

Around the world, most nations name equality for all
While here that truth remains denied and casts a terrible pall
A nation cannot lead the world while failing to stand tall
The truth is marching on!

Verse 9:

The highest level of review is fairness' guarantee
Where justice recognizes rights of women's parity
No lesser test can guard the rights that make a people free
The truth is marching on!

Verse 10:

I pledge to speak this truth aloud and never stand aside
I will claim the law that now exists and see it so applied
Until all women stand as equal cannot be denied
The truth is marching on!

Final Chorus:

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