

Battle Hymn of Equality

Sung to the tune of "Battle Hymn of the Republic "

Verse 1

Mine eyes have seen the truth: the ERA is law,
We the people ratified—no deadline, no flaw;
No power now can hold it back or strike it down in law—

Its truth is marching on.

Chorus

Glory, glory, ERA stands!
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Glory, glory, ERA stands!

Equal justice marches on.

Verse 2 – First Political Order

We are the ones who bring forth life and hold the future fast,
A nation's strength is measured by how mothers' rights will last;
As women stand, so all will stand—as women fall, so fall—

Its truth is marching on.

Verse 3 – Foundations

In Seventeen Seventy-Six, a nation claimed its name,
In Eighteen Forty-Eight, women spoke that claim;
In Twenty-Two, law was made—now we secure the same—

Its truth is marching on.

Verse 4

The Fourteenth speaks of equal laws—but not of women's place,
So courts have failed to guard our rights with equal strength and grace;
Without strict scrutiny in law, we are denied equal place—

Its truth is marching on.

Verse 5

The Nineteenth gave the vote to women—nothing more than that,
No full equality in law, no firm constitutional fact;
A voice was gained—but not the rights required where we are at—

Its truth is marching on.

Verse 6

The states have done what was required—the ERA is law,
Yet still it stands unrecognized, withheld without a cause;
By those in power, left and right, denied in fact though not in law—
Its truth is marching on.

Verse 7

The people call for equal rights in every state and town,
A democracy demands that all stand equal now;
No nation stands as just and free where women’s rights are bound—
Its truth is marching on.

Verse 8

Around the world, most nations name equality in law,
While here that truth remains denied—a deep and visible flaw;
A nation cannot lead the world while failing in this law—
Its truth is marching on.

Verse 9

So let the courts apply the law with strict scrutiny,
Where government denies the rights of equality;
No lesser test can guard the rights that make a people free—
Its truth is marching on.

Verse 10 – Pledge Verse

I pledge to speak this truth aloud and never stand aside,
To claim the law that now exists and see it applied;
Until all women stand as equal, I will not be denied—
Its truth is marching on.

Final Chorus

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