

Sojourner Truth was a Woman

Text adapted from a speech given by Sojourner Truth to the 1851 women's rights convention in Akron, Ohio

music by Nell Clowder
words from Sojourner Truth

$\text{♩} = 84$

mp

Soprano 1
E - qual rights for blacks and wo-men E - qual rights for blacks and wo-men

mp

Soprano 2
E - qual rights for blacks and wo-men E - qual rights for blacks and wo-men.

Alto 1
mf
The

mp

Alto 2
E - qual rights for blacks and wo-men E - qual rights for blacks and wo-men

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pp

S1
E - qual rights for blacks and wo-men E - qual rights for blacks

pp

S2
E - qual rights for blacks and wo-men E - qual rights for blacks

A1
ne-groes and the wo-men all been talk-in' a - bout rights. It looks like for the white man things are

pp

A2
E - qual rights for blacks and wo-men E - qual rights for blacks

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S1 and wo - men E - qual rights for blacks and wo - men

S2 *mf* and wo - men. I hear men say that wo-men need man's gui-dance, his care, a

A1 *pp* get - tin' pret-ty tight. E - qual rights for blacks and wo - men

A2 and wo - men E - qual rights for blacks and wo - men

11

S1 E - qual rights for blacks and wo - men. They don't

S2 hand up in the car - riage and the best place an - y where.

A1 E - qual rights for blacks and wo - men

A2 E - qual rights for blacks and wo - men

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S1 *mf* help me in the car-riage, they don't help me cross the pud-dles, they don't save the best seat just for

S2 *p* help me help me help me help me *mf* save the best seat just for

A1 *p* help me help me help me help me *mf* save the best seat just for

A2 *p* help me help me help me help me *mf* save the best seat just for

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♩ = 108

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f

S1 me. Well ain't I a wo-man Ain't I a wo-man

mf

S2 me. Look at me, look at my arms. I have

mf

A1 me. Look at me, look at my arms. I have

mf

A2 me. Look at me, look at my arms. I have

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S1 Ain't I a wo-man

S2 plowed and plant-ed. I have brought the har-vest to the barn and no man could

A1 plowed and plant-ed. I have brought the har-vest to the barn and no man could

A2 plowed and plant-ed. I have brought the har-vest to the barn and no

24

S1 And no man did more. What's the size of your brain got to

S2 best me, no man did more. What's the size of your brain got to

A1 best me, no man more.

A2 and no more.

mf

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S1 do with your rights? What you

S2 do with your rights? What you

A1 May - be yours holds a quart, mine holds on - ly a pint.

A2 May - be yours holds a quart, mine holds on - ly a pint.

31

S1 do with it mat ters and would n't you be mean ooh not to

S2 do with it mat ters and would n't you be mean ooh not to

A1 *mp* Ooh *mf* to be - grudge me my lit - tle cup

A2 *mp* Ooh *mf* to be - grudge me my lit - tle cup

35

S1 let me have my own. Ain't I a wo-man

S2 let me have my own. I ask you I could work as much as an - y man.

A1 And I ask you I could work as much as an - y man.

A2 And I ask you I could work as much as an - y man.

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39 *mf*

S1 Ain't I a wo-man Ain't I a wo-man as

S2 I could eat as much, too. I have borne the lash of sla-ver-y as

A1 I could eat as much, too. I have borne the lash of sla-ver-y as

A2 I could eat as much, too. I have borne the lash of sla-ver-y as

43 *mf*

S1 well as an-y man O Lord as well as an-y man. If the first wo-man

S2 well as an-y man O Lord as well as an-y man.

A1 well as an-y man O Lord as well as an-y man.

A2 well as an-y man O Lord as well as an-y man.

48

S1 that God e-ver made then

S2 first wo-man God made then

A1 could turn the world up-side-down

A2 side down

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cresc. *f*

S1 sure-ly we wo-men can put it back a - gain and turn it right side up. And the men had bet-ter

S2 sure-ly we wo-men can put it back a - gain and turn it right side up. And the men had bet-ter

A1 sure-ly we wo-men can put it back a - gain and turn it right side up. And the men had bet-ter

A2 can put it back a - gain and turn it right side up. And the men had bet-ter

57

mf

S1 let us. 'Cause ain't I a wo-man Ain't I a wo-man

S2 let us. I have borne thir - teen chil - dren. Seen them

A1 let us. I have borne thir - teen chil - dren. Seen them

A2 let us. I have borne thir - teen chil - dren. Seen them

61

mp

S1 Ain't I a wo-man out my mo-ther's grief

S2 sold in sla-ver-y. When I cried cried cried out my mo-ther's grief

A1 sold in sla-ver-y. When I cried cried cried out my mo-ther's grief

A2 sold in sla-ver-y. When I cried cried cried out my mo-ther's grief

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S1 *mf* none but Je - sus

S2 *mf* none but Je - sus heard, none but Je - sus

A1 *mf* none but Je - sus heard, He heard me

A2 *mf* He heard me

68

S1 heard. They say wo men can't have as much rights as men

S2 *spoken solo* heard. They say wo men can't have as much rights as men *That right?*

A1 heard. 'cause Christ was n't a wo-man

A2 heard. 'cause Christ was n't a wo-man

73

S1 Where do you think the Christ came from?

S2 Where do you think the Christ came from?

A1 from God and from a wom - man.

A2 from God and from a wom - man.

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S1 Man, I say man had nothing to do with Him. And ain't I a woman *f*

S2 Man, I say man had nothing to do with Him. Yes you are So-jour-ner Truth. *mf*

A1 Yes you are So-jour-ner Truth. *mf*

A2 Yes you are So-jour-ner Truth. *mf*

And ain't I a woman

82

S1 Ain't I a wo-man Ain't I a wo-man So-

S2 Yes you be all wo-man. Just like Mar-y just like Eve you are.

A1 Yes you be all wo-man. Just like Mar-y just like Eve you are.

A2 Ain't I a wo-man Yes you be all wo-man. Just like Mar-y just like Eve you are.

86

S1 jour-ner Truth is my name and I got no more to say. *rit.* *slower*

S2 So-jour-ner Truth got no more to say. *f rit.* *slower*

A1 So-jour-ner Truth got no more to say. *f rit.* *slower*

A2 So-jour-ner Truth got no more to say. *f rit.* *slower*