

# Amendment

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Wouldn't it be nice if  
We had an amendment  
To give civil rights to  
Women  
To once and for all just  
Really lay it down from  
A point of view of  
Women  
I know what you're thinking  
That's just redundant  
Chicks got it good now  
They can almost be president  
But worker against worker  
Time and time again  
As the rich use certain issues as a tool  
And when I said we need the ERA cause I'm a fool.  
It's cause without it nobody can get away  
With anything cruel  
You don't need to go far like  
Just over to canada  
To feel the height and sense of  
Live and let live  
What is it about americans  
Like so many pitbulls  
Trained to attack them  
To never give  
We gotta come down abortion  
Put it down in the books for good  
As central to the civil rights of women  
Make diversity acceptable  
Make it finally understood  
Through the civil rights of women  
And if you don't like abortion  
Don't have an abortion  
Teach your children  
How they can avoid them  
But don't treat all women  
Like they are your children  
Compassion has many faces

Many names

And if men can kill  
And be decorated instead of blamed  
When a woman called onto mother  
Can choose to refrain  
And contrary to ions(?)  
Of oldtime religion  
Your body is your only true cominon  
Nature is not here to serve you  
Or at any cost to preserve you  
That's just some preacherman's oldtime opinion  
Life is sacred  
Life is all so profane  
A woman's life  
It must be hers to name  
Let an amendment  
Put this brutal game to rest  
Trust women will still take you to their breast  
Trust women will always do their best  
Trust that our differences make us stronger, not less  
In this amendment  
Shall be family structure shall be free  
To be the right to civil union  
If we take unions of all kinds  
Unions of hearts and minds  
To give society communion  
Let's do more than tolerate  
Let gay and straight resonate  
And emanate all things human  
With equal rights and  
Equal protection  
Intolerance finally ruined  
And then there's the kids rights  
They'll naturally be on board  
A thunnel through which  
Womens' lives are poured  
Our family is so big and we're all so very small  
Let a web of relationship be laid over it all  
Over the ... Of power piled up into the sky  
Over the illusion of autonomy on which it relies  
Over any absolute of nature that's not surprised(?)

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