Lifting As We Climb
Commemorating the 100th Anniversary
of the Ratification of the 19th Amendment
and A Call to Protect the Emblem of Equality:
The Vote

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Song No 1: “What We Do—Now”

We mourn, we bless, we blow, we wail, we wind—down, we sip, we spin, we blind, we bend, bow & hem. We hip, we blend, we bind, we shake, we shine, shine. We lips & we teeth, we praise & protest. We document & we drama. We demand & we flow, fold & hang loose. We measure & we moan, mourn & whine low. & we live, and we breathe. & some of the time, we don’t. Tonight, I am here. Here & tired. Here & awake, sure, & alive. Yes here & still, still here, still & here & still awake & still, still alive.

Speaker: We are here!
**Song 2: We are all bound up together**

QUOTE: Frances Ellen Watkins Harper

“You white women speak here of rights, I speak of wrongs...
This grand and glorious revolution which has commenced, will fail to reach its climax of success, until throughout the length and breadth of the American Republic, the nation shall be so color-blind, as to know no man by the color of his skin or the curl of his hair. It will then have no privileged class, trampling upon and outraging the unprivileged classes, but will be then one great privileged nation, whose privilege will be to produce the loftiest manhood and womanhood that humanity can attain.”

CHORUS
We are all bound up together in one great bundle of humanity.

**Song No 3: “Organize, Agitate, Educate!”**

QUOTE: Lucretia Mott

“Let woman then go on—not asking favors, but claiming as a right the removal of all hindrances to her elevation in the scale of being.”

CHORUS
I ask no favors, I ask no favors for my sex;
all I ask of my brethren is that they will take their feet from off our necks!
Organize, agitate, educate!
We’ll have our rights;
see if we don’t;
and you can’t stop us from them;
see if you can; You may hiss as much as you like, but it’s coming’
Organize, agitate, educate!
We’ll win the vote; see if we don’t.
It is the emblem of equality,
the guarantee of liberty.

QUOTE: Susan B. Anthony

“We ask justice, we ask equality, we ask that all civil and political rights that belong to citizens of the United States be guaranteed to us and our daughters forever.”
QUOTE: Anna Julia Cooper
“We take our stand on the solidarity of humanity, the oneness of life, and the injustice of all special favoritism, whether of sex, race, country, or condition. If one link of the chain is broken, the chain is broken.”

CHORUS
Organize, agitate, educate!
Roll up your sleeves, set your mind to making history, and wage such a fight for liberty that the whole world will respect our sex.
To the wrongs that need resistance,
To the right that needs assistance,
To the future in the distance, give yourselves!

QUOTE: Mary Church Terrell
“The elective franchise is withheld from one half of its citizens...because the word 'people,' by an unparalleled exhibition of lexicon graphical acrobatics, has been turned and twisted to mean all who were shrewd and wise enough to have themselves born boys instead of girls, or who took the trouble to be born white instead of black.”

CHORUS
Organize, agitate, educate!
Roll up your sleeves, set your mind to making history, and wage such a fight for equality and the guarantee of liberty.
We’ll have our rights!

QUOTE: Lucy Stone
“Now all we need is to continue to speak the truth fearlessly, and we shall add to our number those who will turn the scale to the side of equal and full justice in all things.”

QUOTE: Susan B. Anthony
“Men, their rights and nothing more; women, their rights. and nothing less.”

CHORUS
Organize!