

SUFFERIN' TILL SUFFRAGE

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>> Yeah!... Hurray!
Now you have heard
Of women's rights
And how we've tried
To reach new heights
If we're all created equal,
That's us too.
>> Yeah!

But you will proba-
bly not recall...
That it's not been
Too long at all,
Since we even had the right to
Cast a vote.
>> Well...
Well sure some men
Bowed down and called us misses, >> Yeah!
Let us hang the wash out,
And wash the dishes, >> Huh...
But when the time rolled around
To elect a president
What did they say, sisters?

>> What did they say?
They said, uh, see you later,
Alligator, and don't forget my, my...
My mashed potatoes,
Because I'm going downtown to
Cast my vote for president.

But we were sufferin',
Until suffrage, >> Whoah...
Not a woman here could vote
No matter what age.
Then the 19th Amendment
Struck down that restrictive rule.

>> Oh yeah!
Now we pull down
On the lever
Cast our ballots,
And we endeavor
To improve our country,

State, county, town and school.

>> Tell 'em bout it!
Those pilgrim women who
Who braved the boat
>> They cook, cook, cooked!
Could cook the turkey, but they,
They could not vote
Even Betsy Ross who sewed the flag
Was left behind that first election day.

>> What a shame, sisters!
Then Susan B.
Anthony >> Yeah!
and Julia Howe, >> Lucretia!
Lucretia March, >> And others!
They showed us how,
They carried signs
And marched in lines
Until at long last
The law was passed.

Oh we were sufferin',
Until suffrage,
Not a woman here could vote
No matter what age.
Then the 19th Amendment
Struck down that restrictive rule.

>> Oh yeah!
And now we pull down
On the lever
Cast our ballots,
And we endeavor
To improve our country,
State, county, town and school.
Yes the 19th Amendment
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Struck down that restrictive rule.
>> Yeah, yeah!

(We've got 'em now!)
Since 1920, Sisters Unite! Oh lord!