

The Sacred Grove Devotional

The Utah Woman Suffrages Song Book

The Utah Woman Suffrage Song Book was printed by the office of the "Woman's Exponent" in 1891 and cost 10 cents. It featured familiar songs with lyrics rewritten by Latter-day Saint and other activist women to address the theme of suffrage and equal rights. It was used for suffrage meetings and rallies throughout the Utah Territory. A digitization of Susa Young Gates' copy of the song book is available through the Church History Library catalog: <https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/5a07a7f1-f915-4df2-8257-97f8acac88fc/0/1?lang=eng>

Lula Greene Richards (1849-1944) was the first editor of the Woman's Exponent. She was married to Levi Richards and the mother of seven children. During her long life, she served on the general board of the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association and the Relief Society, and served on the Primary general board for twenty-five years. <https://www.churchhistorianspress.org/the-first-fifty-years-of-relief-society/people/louisa-lula-greene-richards?letter=R&lang=eng#2>

Elizabeth Boynton Herbert (1843-1925) was a committee suffragist and temperance leader from Indiana and Illinois. She was a prolific writer, and served as the vice president of the Indiana Woman Suffrage Association. <https://evanstonwomen.org/woman/elizabeth-harbert/>

Woman, Arise

To the tune of "Hope of Israel" words by Lula Greene Richards

Freedom's daughter, rouse from slumber;
See, the curtains are withdrawn
Which so long thy mind hath shrouded;
Lo! Thy day begins to dawn.

Chorus:

Woman, 'rise, thy penance o'er,
Sit thou in the dust no more;
Seize the scepter, hold the van,
Equal with thy brother, man.

Truth and virtue by thy motto,
Temp'rance, liberty and peace;
Light shall shine and darkness vanish,
Love shall reign, oppression cease.

Chorus

First to fall 'mid Eden's bowers,
Through long suffering worthy proved,
With the foremost claim thy pardon,
When earth's curse shall be removed.

Chorus

New America

Tune "America" words by Elizabeth Boynton Harbert

Our Country, now from thee
We claim our liberty,
In freedom's name.
Guarding home's altar fires,
Daughters of patriot sires,
Their zeal our own inspires
Justice to claim.

Women in every age,
For this great heritage
Tribute have paid.
Our birthright claim we now,
Longer refuse to bow;
On freedom's altar now
Our hand is laid.

Sons, will you longer see
Mothers, on bended knee
For Justice pray?
Rise now in manhood's might,
With earth's true souls unite
To speed the dawning light
Of freedom's day.