

ORVILLE! WILBUR! COME BACK BOYS! ORVILLE! WILBUR!

ALL

MOTHER NECESSITY, WHERE WOULD WE BE?

(During this section, EVERYONE has his or her own "invention picture". THEY circle around DINA, hang their inventions and return to places for a kickline)

GEORGE

WHEN ROBERT FULTON MADE THE STEAMBOAT GO...

DORI

WHEN MARCONI GAVE US WIRELESS RADIO...

JOE

WHEN HENRY FORD CRANKED UP HIS FIRST AUTOMO...

SHULIE

WHEN SAMUEL SLATER SHOWED US HOW THE FACTORIES GO...

TOM

AND ALL THE IRON AND OIL AND COAL AND STEEL
AND "YANKEE DON'T YOU KNOW",
THEY MADE THIS COUNTRY REALLY...

ALL

GROW, GROW, GROW, GROW, GRO — OW...

(Kickline)

WITH MOTHER NECESSITY!
WHERE WOULD WE BE
WITHOUT THE INVENTIONS OF YOUR PROGENY?

(MEN EXIT)

DINA

So Tom, are you starting to get back a little bit of that educational spark?

TOM

It's 6 a.m. I have no spark.

DINA

Hey, Mister... don't get sassy. Come on, Tom. Think back to why you wanted to become a teacher in the first place.

TOM

It was my major.

DORI

Think a little bit farther back.

TOM

Well, my grandmother was a teacher.

DINA

And her mother before her.

SHULIE

Remember all the stories your grandmother used to tell about her mother?

TOM

Yes. They were all very proud to be teachers. In fact, it was one of the few opportunities available to women at the time.

SHULIE

Back then, Tom, a woman didn't even have the right to vote.

TOM

Gosh, that's true.

SHULIE

This country was founded by men at a time when women had virtually no say about what went on in the world around them. They were left at home to cook and to clean... With the men telling them *what* to cook and *what* to clean...

#5 *Sufferin' Till Suffrage* (Dina, Shulie, Dori)

DINA

That's right, Shulie, and we're going to sing a little song about that right now.

DINA, SHULIE, DORI

WOO!

DINA

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!

SHULIE, DORI
YEAH!

DINA
BUT YOU WILL PROB-

SHULIE, DORI
BAH, BOP!

DINA
-BLY NOT RECALL
THAT IT'S NOT BEEN

SHULIE, DORI
SHOOP, SHOO!

DINA
TOO LONG AT ALL
SINCE WE EVEN HAD THE RIGHT TO
CAST A VOTE.

SHULIE, DORI
YEAH!

DINA
WELL, SURE, SOME MEN BOWED DOWN
AND CALLED US "MISSUS",

SHULIE, DORI
YEAH!

DINA
LET US HANG THE WASH OUT
AND WASH THE DISHES.

SHULIE, DORI
HUH?!

DINA
BUT WHEN THE TIME ROLLED AROUND
TO ELECT A PRESIDENT —

What did they say, sisters?

SHULIE, DORI

What did they say?

DINA

THEY SAID, UH...

ALL THREE

"SEE YA LATER, ALLIGATOR"

DINA

"AND DON'T FORGET MY,
MY MASHED POTATOES,
'CAUSE I'M GOIN' DOWNTOWN TO CAST MY VOTE
FOR PRESIDENT."

SHULIE, DORI

You tell 'em, sister!

ALL THREE

OH, WE WERE SUFFERIN' UNTIL SUFFRAGE.

SHULIE, DORI

WHOA!

DINA

NOT A WOMAN HERE COULD VOTE,
NO MATTER WHAT AGE,

SHULIE, DORI

NO!

DINA

THEN THE NINETEENTH AMENDMENT
STRUCK DOWN THAT RESTRICTIVE RULE.

SHULIE, DORI

OH YEAH!

BOP!

DINA

AND NOW WE PULL DOWN

SHULIE, DORI

BAH!

DINA
ON THE LEVER,

SHULIE, DORI
BOP!

DINA
CAST OUR BALLOTS,

SHULIE, DORI
BAH!

DINA
AND WE ENDEAVOR TO IM-
PROVE OUR COUNTRY,
STATE, COUNTY, TOWN
AND SCHOOL.

SHULIE, DORI
WHOA!

SHULIE, DORI
Tell 'em 'bout it!

BOP! BOP!

DINA
THOSE PILGRIM WOMEN WHO —

SHULIE, DORI
WHO?

DINA
WHO BRAVED THE BOAT

SHULIE, DORI
THEY COOK, COOK, COOK!

DINA
COULD COOK THE TURKEY,
BUT THEY — THEY COULD NOT VOTE.

DINA
EVEN BETSY ROSS, WHO
SEWED THE FLAG,
WAS LEFT BEHIND THAT
FIRST ELECTION DAY.

SHULIE, DORI
WHOA —

SHULIE, DORI

What a shame, sister!

DINA

THEN SUSAN B. ANTHONY,

SHULIE, DORI

YEAH!

DINA

AND JULIA HOWE,

SHULIE, DORI

LUCRETIA!

DINA

LUCRETIA MOTT,

SHULIE, DORI

AND OTHERS!

DINA

THEY SHOWED US HOW!

DINA

THEY CARRIED SIGNS
AND MARCHED IN LINES
UNTIL AT LONG LAST,
THE LAW WAS PASSED.

SHULIE, DORI

WHOA!

ALL THREE

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SHULIE, DORI

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SHULIE, DORI

OH YEAH!

BOP, BOP!

DINA

AND NOW WE PULL DOWN

SHULIE, DORI

OOO WOW!

DINA

ON THE LEVER,

SHULIE, DORI

MM, BOP, MM, BOP, BOP!

DINA

CAST OUR BALLOTS,

SHULIE, DORI

OOH, WOW!

DINA

AND WE ENDEAVOR TO IM-
PROVE OUR COUNTRY,
STATE, COUNTY, TOWN
AND SCHOOL.

SHULIE, DORI

WHOA!

MY VOTE!
MY VOTE!
WHOA!

YES, THE NINETEENTH
AMENDMENT
STRUCK DOWN THAT
RESTRICTIVE RULE!

YEAH, YEAH!
YEAH, YEAH!

YES, THE NINETEENTH
AMENDMENT
STRUCK DOWN THAT
RESTRICTIVE RULE!

WHOA!

YEAH, YEAH!
YEAH, YEAH!

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WHOA!

YEAH, YEAH!

ALL THREE

YEAH, YEAH!
YEAH, YEAH!

DINA
YEAH, YEAH,
YEAH, YEAH!

SHULIE, DORI
YEAH, YEAH!

SINCE 1920,

WHOA!

(DORI and SHULIE pull levers that make a sign appear with "1920" on it)

DINA
SISTERS, UNITE!

DINA

ALL THREE

VOTE ON!

(WOMEN EXIT.

MEN ENTER. GEORGE holds three hats behind his back)

TOM

That song brought back so many memories. You know, I used to help out in my grandfather's hardware store when I was a kid. Except, every Saturday morning, I used to sneak into the back and turn on the TV, and there would be *Schoolhouse Rock!*

JOE

Well, there you go, Tom. You can use memories like that to bring some new energy into your teaching.

TOM

Call me dim, but I don't see how my grandfather's True Value can help me be a better teacher.

JOE

All right, but instead of selling hardware, imagine that they sold parts of speech.