THREE POEMS

Ama Birch

Woman Lift Voice

Truths self-evident, all equal, Creator unalienable Life, Liberty, Happiness the Men governed. Form destructive end. Right People alter abolish and institute new foundation principles powers form, effect Safety Happiness. Prudence, light transient experience mankind disposed suffer right abolishing forms long train abuses usurpations, pursuing the Object design Despotism, their right, their duty, throw Government, provide new future children racket kilter. The South the north, talking rights, the fix soon. here? there carriages, ditches, everywhere. Nobody over place! Look! Look! ploughed planted, barns, head! woman? work man bear lash born to slavery cried grief hear! head; call whispers, honey. women rights? cup holds you full? black rights Christ Delivered Ohio May 1851? God a woman! strong world upside down alone, turn it up! asking do it. let you me, Sojourner Lift voice ring, Ring Liberty; rise skies, sound sea. song faith dark full hope Facing sun day begun, march victory won. Stony we trod, Bitter rod, hope beat, weary feet place sighed? tears watered, blood slaughter gloomy white bright star weary silent tears, light, forever path, pray. hearts drunk wine world, forget Shadow be and, stand, True. True.
Working the Clay Potter's Wheel
Then All is Darkness and Silence

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survive dead name disputed fulfilled sun
portent land appeared up ban name
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