

## 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.



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Sun portent land appeared up ban name  
reeds air gloom stilled all ear sense I  
crime all revealed more dreams brain voice  
aloud tounge forlorn inane knew me  
words about soul attend thou himself  
dead shade eternity void because remains  
part dread all lo ago died mind fire  
above world one domain there there loose  
throat engrossed law not slain grave smiled  
law lips raised doom lean hand tale curse  
survive dead name disputed fulfilled sun  
portent land appeared up ban name  
reeds air gloom again hands of God.