

## [GAIPP] SIDE #2: AIN'T I A WOMAN

*...lines from Sojourner Truth's "Ain't I a Woman" project on the screen, as THE WOMEN recite in seamlessly taking turns at each line:*

### THE WOMEN

That man over there says that women need to be helped into carriages,  
and lifted over ditches,  
and to have the best place everywhere.  
Nobody  
ever helps me into carriages,  
or over mud-puddles, or gives me any best place!  
And ain't I a woman? Look at me!  
Look at my arm!  
I have ploughed and planted, and  
gathered into  
barns, and no man  
could head  
me! And ain't I a  
woman? I could work  
as much and eat  
as much as a  
man – when I could get it – and bear the lash as well!  
And ain't I a  
woman? I have borne  
thirteen children, and seen  
most all sold off to  
slavery, and when  
I cried out with my mother's grief,  
none but Jesus heard me!  
And ain't I a woman?<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Sojourner's Speech, Transcribed by Marius Robinson; *Anti-slavery bugle. volume* (New-Lisbon, Ohio), 21 June 1851. *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers*. Lib. of Congress.