

"That man over there say that a woman
needs to be helped into carriages, and
lifted over ditches, and to have the
best place everywhere. Nobody ever
helped me into carriages, or over mud
puddles, or gives me a best place ...
And aint I a women? Look at me.
Look at my arm! I have plowed
and planted and gathered into
barns, and no man could head me...
And aint I a women? I could as much
and eat as much as a man when I
could get it, and bear the lash as well...
And aint I a woman? I have borned
thirteen children and seen them
most all sold off into slavery. And
when I cried out with a mother's grief,
none but Jesus heard...
And aint I a woman?"

Sojourner Truth: Speech before the Woman's
Rights Convention at Akron, Ohio in 1851.