



Coming to Jones Road Part 2: Sojourner Truth Tanka #2: Ain't I A Woman?

2010

Acrylic on canvas framed with fabric

61 inches by 42 inches

(154.94 centimeters by 106.68 centimeters)

Ain't I a woman? Sojourner Truth 1851 Akron, Ohio

... 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?... Then that man in black there, he says women can't have as much rights as men, cause Christ wasn't a woman! Where did your Christ come from? Where did your Christ come from? From God and a woman! Man had

nothing to do with Him.

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