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Law Day Writing Entry – Poem

Prompt (United States History): Describe the process leading up to the ratification of the nineteenth amendment, including the Women’s suffrage movement, and the process to actually ratify the amendment.

She marches down the cold, paved streets,
A chanted rhythm she repeats.
And though her voice is loud and clear,
The states refuse to lend an ear.

Her sentiments have been declared,
At Seneca Falls her teeth are bared,
She’s Stanton, she’s Anthony, she’s Chapman Catt,
The “cult of womanhood” bespat.

Amendment fourteen a distinction makes,
Yet “male” no fervor dissipates.
A collective, rapid, firm heartbeat,
A pyre now lit beneath their feet

The hunger strikes of Paul and Burns,
Woodrow Wilson’s stomach churns,
And though the Great War shelves their zeal,
The workforce sees their mass appeal.

Nineteen came down to Tennessee,
Where Harry heard his mother's plea,
A triumphant cry began its rise,
The ballot ripe for exercise.

Although the shackles came undone,
The fight worldwide is not yet won.
Mothers, daughters, womankind,
Do not be to this fate resigned.