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Gaggle: Kingston

Tune: Open Up Your Heart and Let The Sunshine In

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How Canadian Women Got The Vote!

(This song helps you remember the names of the 5 women who got the vote and a statue on parliament hill. It works well with a stuffed granny to throw around).

In 1928 Canadian persons all were men - (??) (Stop & look dumbfounded, then start again, more vigourously)

In 1928 Canadian persons all were men

Their wives were their possessions and they had no standing then

They couldn't vote, own property

Their lives their husbands ran

Till five brave women thought they'd better

Take this thing in hand.

CHORUS: Irene Paralbe, Henrietta Muir Edwards, Louise Mackenny,
Emily Murphy, and there was Nellie McClung

Names that should be sung

We owe our personhood to what these 5 have done.

v2) In 1929 they went to England where they asked

Privvy counsel to decide a law would soon be passed

Declaring women now to be full persons with all rights

(I have to say, my dears, theirs was the best of fights!

CHORUS

v3) What are we doing with the rights

For which they fought and won?

Are we voting? Holding office?

What can we say we have done?

Do we stand up strong and speak our minds

When troubles on the way?

I'd like to think their work was not in vain, today!

CHORUS