

Blame It on the First Amendment

tune: Blame It On The Bossa Nova by Weil and Mann Lyrics: Carol Tyler

Well, I have the **right** to express my **view**
And the great thing **is** the same is **true** for **you**
I can **burn** the **flag** and burn my bra, **too**
And **you** can protest **everything** I **do**

Blame it on the First Amendment - with its many rights
Blame it on the First Amendment - keep it in your sights
Oh, it all began with **just** James Madison
And finally he got **nine** states to sign **on**
Now we have the First Amendment - And **speech** is really **free!**

(Large group) Can we gag the **press**?
(Small group) *No, no, the First Amendment*
(Large group) **Restrict** religious **views**?
(Small group) *No, no, the First Amendment*
(Large group) Can I speak my **mind**?
(Small group) *Yes, yes, the First Amendment*
(All) It really rocks!

It guarantees the **right**/ to as **sem b ly**,
It's a right for **you**, and a **sight** to **see!**
We are gathered **here**, As semb ling **peace ful ly**
Singing **truth** to **pow er**, **please** join in with **me!**

Blame it on the First Amendment ... (above)

(Large group) Can we gag the **press**?
(Small group) *No, no, the First Amendment*
(Large group) **Stop assemblies**
(Small group) *No, no, the First Amendment*
(Large group) Can we sing our **songs**?
(Small group) *Yes, yes, the First Amendment*
(All) 'Cause expression's free!