

# Blame It on the First Amendment

Tune: 'Blame it on the Bossa Nova' by Weil and Mann; Granny lyrics by Carol Tyler

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

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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**?  
(Gran-ettes) **No, no**, the **First Amendment**  
(Large group) Restrict **religious views**?  
(Gran-ettes) **No, no**, the **First Amendment**  
(Large group) Can I **speak** my **mind**?  
(Gran-ettes) **Yes, yes**, the **First Amendment**  
(All) **It really rocks!**

It guarantees the **right** / to free as-**sem-b-ly**,  
It's a right for **you** / and a **sight** to **see-ee-ee!**  
We are gathered **here** so **peace-ful-ly**  
Singing **truth** to **power**, **please** join in with **me!**

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(Large group) Can we **gag** the **press**?  
(Gran-ettes) **No, no**, the **First Amendment**  
(Large group) Stop assem-**b-lies**?  
(Gran-ettes) **No, no**, the **First Amendment**  
(Large group) Can we **sing** our **songs**?  
(Gran-ettes) **Yes, yes**, the **First Amendment**  
(All) **'Cause expression's free!**