

Vel Phillips was a ground-breaker in Wisconsin – a woman of many “firsts”. The Raging Grannies are honored and proud to sing at the feet of her statue on the Capitol Square when we perform at the Dane County Farmers’ Market.

Vel’s a Grand Old Gal

tune: “You’re a Grand Old Flag” George M. Cohan, 1906

Original lyrics: Milwaukee Raging Grannies, adapted by the Madison gaggle

Vel ... was ... a ... grand old gal and we **all** love to tell
How **important** she **is** to our **state**
She’s the **one** who **led** with **courage** and **strength**
And **faced** down the **forces** of hate!

For the things she **did** claiming **justice** for all
And the **trials** she **endured** with pride,
We **thank** her now with **all** our hearts
Keep your eye on our **Grand old Vel!**

She was a grand old gal that Wisconsin knew well
And her **spirit** **inspires** to this **day**,
She’s the **one** we **love** for **all** her work
A **leader** in **so many ways!**

All her energy was a **sight** to behold,
As **injustice** she **sought** to quell.
So **thanks** again from **all** the folks,
Keep your eye on our **Grand old Vel!**