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Contrafact Song

Her, His, Our Story

Elizabeth Graham and James Lafayette,
Percy Julian and Myra Bradwell,
Your time to shine is now,
I'll learn about you somehow

CHORUS

You have made your mark
And its time we start
To study you

The history books are all skewed
With nothing vulgar or lewd
But you weren't anything like that
So where is your tip of the hat?

CHORUS

I can think what class could be
With you there for all to see
I know that we're missin' out
Without everyone to study 'bout

So its time we understand
That our textbooks are carefully planned
To leave out those who don't fit
And we really should end it

CHORUS

Rationale

The original song "Fly Me Away" by Annie Little came out in 2009 and was little more than a quick and quirky ditty about being in love with someone and the emotional journey that can accompany being in such as state. I chose to use the melody because I loved not only how catchy it was, but also how approachable and sweet it was. I think that a lot of the time, activism can come across as a bit daunting especially to those who aren't familiar with it, so I was interested in making my song as approachable as possible (and in this regard was deeply inspired by School House Rock!) Ultimately, my activist goals for the piece was to raise awareness about the fact that many history textbooks leave people out who, to quote a late CMC leader, "don't fit the mold", and to raise the question as to why that occurs.