

The Stand in Little Rock

When Central High in Little Rock was banned
From keeping segregation as they planned,
Their governor decided to withstand
No matter if his forces were outmanned.

He drafted state police to lend a hand,
Thus forcing Eisenhower's reprimand
Toward those who had ignored his firm command,
The federal judgment with a clear demand,
That equal schools would be throughout the land.

For those who witnessed this event firsthand,
They got the chance to fully understand
How nine young students walking hand in hand,
Aligned by fate to form a working band,
Would help the cause of freedom to expand.

Their triumph took a while to understand
As their continued efforts two years spanned,
But they made segregationists disband.
Since then the people changed positions, and
The state of Arkansas does clearly stand
For equal opportunity – how grand!



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