

## **STRONG LIKE HER**

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17-year-old Joan of Arc led an army to victory  
and proved the fiery strength of women  
Jane Austen led women to have a voice,  
writing her mind when told not to  
Susan B. Anthony led a fight for human rights  
with visions of a just world  
Harriet Tubman led hundreds out of slavery  
with a wanted sign on her head  
Marie Curie led by being the first woman  
to receive a Nobel Peace Prize  
Helen Keller led with her determination  
to give strength to the disabled  
13-year-old Anne Frank led with her words of hope  
for light in the darkest hours  
Rosa Parks led others off the back of the bus  
and toward equality  
Mother Teresa led those suffering into warmth and love  
through her devotion to charity  
Oprah Winfrey led her life from trial and abuse  
to immense success and philanthropy  
Malala Yousafzai led the fight for women's right to education,  
surviving a bullet

Yet  
There are women around the world still waiting  
for permission to speak  
Permission to act  
Who are paid less for the same work as their peers  
Represented as mere objects in the media  
Shamed  
Blamed  
Abused  
Discriminated

Yet  
There's something we all can do  
We can be Strong like Joan of Arc  
Audacious like Jane  
Unconventional like Susan  
Brave like Harriet  
Intelligent like Marie  
Resilient like Helen  
Optimistic like Anne  
Bold like Rosa  
Compassionate like Mother Teresa  
Ambitious like Oprah  
Irrepressible like Malala  
To show that We  
As men and women  
Are Equals  
Individuals  
Partners  
And Leaders alike