

Bill Of Rights Poem Entry

On December 15th, 1791,
The Bill of Rights were ratified, the antifederalists had won.
Drafted by James Madison, ten amendments were stated,
liberties and freedoms for many were created.
This document has been around for many many years.
It ensures that the US citizens can live without any fears.
The right to bear arms and the freedom of speech,
are a couple of the liberties the Bill of Rights preach.
The first amendment our constitution embraces,
and throughout history there have been many court cases.
Tinker ruled that wearing armbands to protest the Vietnam war,
was freedom of speech and worth fighting for.
Near helped establish that the government can't prohibit publication,
upholding freedom of press throughout the nation.
The Little Rock council tried to take down *Bates*,
but the Supreme Court ruled assembly is allowed in the states.
Holt said growing a beard was a part of his religion,
the Arkansas prison didn't agree with that tradition.
He took it to court and all nine justices agreed,
his beard was showing freedom of religion, as the Bill of Rights decreed.
Buckley ruled that Colorado's requirement conditions,
were a violation of the freedom of petition.
Ensuring that the people have a say,
The Bill of Rights got us where we are today.
It provides rules for due process of law,
It's amazing what James Madison foresaw.
People accused of crimes have a right to a fair trial.
Proven innocent or guilty, the process is worthwhile.
The Federal government is limited to the powers in the Constitution,
leaving the states and their citizens to make their own contribution.
It's important for the people to have a say in how the country is run,
without the Bill of Rights, this could not be done.
These liberties and freedoms that the Bill of Rights portray,
provide protection for each US citizen every single day.
The importance of this document is perfectly clear,
without it, the Constitution might just disappear.