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THE BILL OF RIGHTS (SONG LESSON)

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AMENDMENT I

Number one says we can worship as we please
We can have meetings, large assemblies
We can write what we want, it's called the Freedom of Press
What we feel, we can say out loud, we can express

AMENDMENT II

Yes, concerned about securing your house or your farm?
Through Amendment II, you have the right to bear arms
In order to be free, do you get the picture?
Each state has the right to its own militia

AMENDMENT III

Number Three says "No soldiers in homes"
The government can't just force you to loan
Your own private house so their soldiers can sleep
Especially not in times of peace

AMENDMENT IV

The Fourth Amendment is sure to get applause
No searches or seizures without probable cause
But when there is belief that a crime has been done
A warrant can be ordered, then to search someone

AMENDMENT V

Then on to the Fifth Amendment, no need to tell
The government things that might send you to jail
You cannot be accused of the same crime twice
That would put you in a double jeopardy, it's not right

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AMENDMENT VI

Number six gives six rights to the accused
Like the right to know which law you might have abused
It gives the right to a fair and public trial
Your own defense counsel, you know there's no denial

AMENDMENT VII

I'll tell you seven is simple: when trial is civil
(Meaning that no one in the dispute is a criminal)
You can ask for a jury in these cases too
Usually they're over money, somebody wants to sue

AMENDMENT VIII

For the Eighth Amendment, we compliment our government
It won't allow cruel or unusual punishment
Face the judge's hammer and end up in the slammer,
You won't pay excessive bail in any given manner

AMENDMENT IX

All the rights that we have, says Amendment Nine
Cannot be confined only to these written lines
Just because a freedom isn't here on this list
The government cannot say it does not exist

AMENDMENT X

What was meant when the last of the ten was written?
Government only has power it is given
In order to be equal,
Powers not listed in the Constitution shall be given to the People

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