

Ruby Bridges' Brave Step

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- 1 The year was 1960
 The day, November 14th
 When a little Black girl
 Was brave in New Orleans
- 5 Her name was Ruby Bridges
 Some called her Ruby Nell
 She lived through segregation
 And gained quite a story to tell
- William Frantz Elementary
- 10 Would never be the same
 It was no longer a White school
 The day that Ruby came
- On her first day of school
 She was so strong and proud
- 15 She stepped boldly without stopping
 Through fiercely threatening crowds
- There were people filled with hatred
 Who told Ruby to go back home
 They did not want integration
- 20 They taunted Ruby to make it known
- But little Ruby had protection
 Her mother, US Marshalls, and her God
 As she stepped into this new school
 Her teacher, Ms. Henry, won her heart
- 25 Ruby was, sometimes, afraid
 But she prayed and continued on
 With her family, teacher, and community
 She weathered integration's storm

Ruby Bridges' experience

- 30 Is a significant part of history
Her unwavering faith and courage
Resulted in what we now see

Schools all across America

Integrated and diverse

- 35 Children of every color and creed
Learning together, breaking the curse.