

THE WOMEN OF THE SPECIAL TRIAD (TITLE IX, THE AIAW, THE WBL) BY ELIZABETH GALLOWAY

THE BIRTH OF A LEAGUE

We left our lives behind
Our families, friends ... becoming a bride
What would have happened
If we had never tried

City and country girls came from all over

Nobody knew us by name
We stayed for one reason
Our true love of the game
Arriving on a wing and a prayer
There was no media blitz, no parade
To begin the pursuit of a dream
We came and oh how we played!

Time has cast a shadow On all that was achieved Gone with it the history Of a once thriving league

A reunion brought us together To look back on the time When we were young, When we could run ... When we were in our prime

The game was good back then
Our handprints remain today
For those who were the PIONEERS
Let me proudly say

Someone had to start For there to be an end Be the "first" to stumble And get back up again

We charted our own course Connect the dots and you will see Passing it on and paying it forward Has been our legacy

We are the WBL!
And have never gone away
Those before and after (the basketball mothers)
Gave birth to the WNBA ...



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