## It Took Me By Surprise

## Maria Mena

I would react badly

To the slightest hint of hesitance

He'd bend awkwardly to suit my mood

No word from his defense

I'd cry knowing how my tears
Felt like acid burning through his skin
Pushed every little button
But the right one that would let me in

Now he's afraid of me He's afraid of me

It took me by surprise

The hatred in his eyes

I've pushed this man as far as he could go

But he lacked the words to let me know

He acted out, now I can see it is my fault

I made changes that went unnoticed
Sang songs for deaf ears
He mistook my silence for punishment
As it had been all these years
I'd cry knowing how my tears
Felt like acid burning through his skin

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It took me by surprise

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