

# La Tonya

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(Didn't your Mama tell you how to behave, girl?  
Didn't your Daddy tell you not to wear that little thing?)  
Been told you never get something for nothing  
My stepfather Dickie say I just might get hit  
If I don't give The girls all shisper 'hind my back  
They try to break me whith cruel attacks  
The boys they want only one thing  
And so I give it, don't complain Daddy's gone, Mama lost her job  
Our house ain't a home no more  
Still my faith's unshaken in God I feel so lonely for hope and company  
I don't take much and I give everything for free  
(So, don't you want me?) The girls all whisper 'hind by back  
My baby brother's smoking crack  
The boys they want only one thing  
And so I give it, don't complain Daddy's gone, Mama lost her job  
Our house ain't a home no more  
Still my faith's unshaken in god I dream I get a record deal  
I'll buy a way out of here  
Or maybe a new Lexus jeep  
Or just a friend (Am I dreamin'? Am I dreamin'?)  
There's Mr. roberts, Juan and Paul  
All waiting for me down the hall  
But then tomorrow they don't call  
Still a moment's better than none at all Daddy's gone (My name is La Tonya)  
Mama lost her job (I am a sophomore)  
Our house ain't a home no more (I'll be sixteen in August)  
Since Mama broke her soul (I like to sing in chorus)  
Daddy's gone (My name is La Tonya)  
Mama lost her job (I am a sophomore)  
Our house ain't a home no more (I'll be sixteen in August) Still my faith's unshaken  
Lord won't you please save me?  
Is this the new slavery?  
Here on the ghetto pavement?  
But I believe in you baby  
Yes, my faith's unshaken  
In God

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