

# Talk To Me Now

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He said, "You've gotten tough"  
'Cause my tone was curt.  
Yeah and when I'm approached in a dark alley,  
I don't lift my skirt.  
In the city, self-preservation is a full time occupation.  
I'm determined to survive on this shore.  
You know I don't avert my eyes anymore.  
In a man's world, I am a woman by birth.  
And after nineteen times around,  
I have found they will stop what you are worth.  
Talk to me now.  
I played the powerless in too many dark scenes,  
And I was blessed with a birth and a death,  
And I guess I just wanted some say in between.  
Don't you understand?  
In the day to day and the face to face,  
I have to act just as strong as I can  
Just to preserve a place where I can be who I am.

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