

## Ella Fitzgerald

### "I Wants to Stay Here"

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BESS

I wants to stay here,  
But I ain't worthy.  
You is too decent to understan'.  
For when I see him he hypnotize me.  
When he take hold of me with his hot hand.  
Someday I know he's coming back to call me.  
He's goin' to handle me an' hold me so.  
It's goin' to be like dyin', Porgy, deep inside me -  
But when he calls, I know I have to go.

PORGY

If dere warn't no Crown, Bess, if dere was only jus' you  
an'  
Porgy, what den?

BESS

I loves you, Porgy,  
Don' let him take me,  
Don' let him handle me an' drive me mad.  
If you kin keep me,  
I wants to stay here wid you forever,  
An' I'd be glad.

PORGY

There, there, Bess, you don' need to be afraid no mo',  
You's picked up happiness and laid yo' worries down.  
You goin' to live easy, you goin' to live high.  
You goin' to outshine every woman in dis town.  
An' remember, when Crown come that's my business,  
Bess!

BESS

I loves you, Porgy,  
Don' let him take me  
Don' let him handle me  
With his hot han'  
If you kin keep me  
I wants to stay here wid you forever.  
I got my man.

PORGY

What you think I is, anyway,  
To let dat dirty houn' dog steal my woman?  
If you wants to stay wid Porgy, you goin' stay.  
You got a home now, Honey, an' you got love.  
So no mo' cryin', can't you understan'?  
You goin' to go about yo' business, singin' 'cause  
You got Porgy, you got a man.

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