

## **Madeleine Peyroux**

### **"You Can't Do Me"**

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You can't do me, you can't do me  
You can't do me the way you did before  
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'Cause when you do and when you do  
'Cause when you do, you know I get so blue  
When you do and when you do  
And when you do, you know I get so blue

And I go down like a deep sea diver  
Out like a Coltrane tenor man  
Lost like a Chinese war baby  
Gone, gone, gone

I'd be blue like a Mississippi sharecropper  
Screwed like a high school cheerleader  
Tattooed like a popeyed sailor man  
Gone, gone, gone

I should have been, I should have been  
I should have been a pair of ragged claws  
I should have been, I should have been  
I should have been a pair of ragged claws

And for a while, just a while, for a good long while  
You'd see me smile, smile, smile  
I'd crawl the seas on my bony knees  
No apologies for my brave new style

I wouldn't go bust like an Internet millionaire  
Boom like a Lebanese belly dancer  
Bang like a new year's firecracker  
Gone, gone, gone

I wouldn't get bent like a rattan rockin' chair  
Blanked like a last place also ran  
Burned like an Arkansas griddlecake  
Gone, gone, gone

Gone, gone, gone  
Gone, gone, gone

I should have been, I should have been  
I should have been a pair of ragged claws  
And if I was, if I was  
Then if I was then I'd complain no more

And for a while, for just a while, for a good long while  
You'd see me smile, smile, smile  
I'd crawl the seas on my bony knees  
No apologies for my brave new style

I wouldn't get wrecked like a rebel on a racetrack  
Jacked like a '51 Cadillac  
Macked like a bunny in a mansion  
Gone, gone, gone

Spittooned like an Alabama 'backy wad  
Harpooned in a Melville sailor yard  
Cartooned like a Charlie Brown Christmas card  
Gone, gone, gone

Schooled like a milk money bully whip  
Sued like a teenage downloader  
Unglued like a bull in a china shop  
Gone, gone, gone

Cranked like a speed freak high roller  
Yanked like a little league ball swatter  
Spanked like a fly on a bar counter  
Gone, gone, gone

Duked like a pistol whipped card swapper  
Rebuked like a Bible belt border crosser  
Juked like a payola chart topper  
Gone, gone, gone

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