

## Unknown

### "Callib Song"

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CAL-LIB SONG  
or How to Get a Man

Since I was a tiny tot, mama taught me quite a lot  
How to look, how to sew and cook  
And of course, how to get a man  
Mama read the magazine, watch the color TV screen  
Each advertiser made her wiser at how to get a man

My mama tell me:

"Don't show too much common sense, I know from  
experience  
Use your head at the stove and bed and you'll surely  
get a man"

My mama tell me:

"Stay slender like sugar cane, eat no chocolate and no  
chow mein  
False eyelashes and perfume splashes will help you  
get a man"

Soon I went on my first date, golly but I could not wait  
Mama gave me every recipe for how to get a man

My mama tell me:

"Go gargle with Listerine, take a bath in Mr. Clean  
Lift your dress up, spray FSD up, That's how to get a  
man"

Don't you tippy toe down the stairs 'til you clip your  
nose's

hairs

Shave your armpits and make them charmpits, that's  
how to get a

man

Cover up with acnomel, store-bought hair made of  
dynel

Lots of bother, but ask your father, that's how I got a  
man

Finally, a man I got, he eat and he drink a lot

Got big belly and kind of smelly, but still it is a man

I make for him chocolate cake, half a grapefruit myself

I take  
He got fatter and I got flatter, but still I got a man

I am tired now of shaving and for chocolate I'm craving  
Liberation flag is waving, got to change my plan

I tell my mama:  
"You can keep your recipe for your femininity  
You may love it, but you may shove it and you may  
keep that man"  
I tell my mama:  
When a man for me does fall, he will love me hair and  
all  
He'll admire though I perspire and that will be my man,  
hey  
That will be my man

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