

Original Broadway Cast "Take Me Or Leave Me"

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MAUREEN

Every single day
I walk down the street
I hear people say,
"Baby so sweet"
Ever since puberty, Everybody stares at me
Boys, girls..I can't help it baby.
So be kind and don't lose your mind
Just remember that I'm your baby
Take me for what I am
Who I was meant to be
And if you give a damn
Take me baby or leave me.....
Take me baby or leave me
A tiger in a cage
Can never see the sun
This diva needs her stage
Baby - let's have fun!
You are the one I choose
Folks'd kill to fill your shoes
You'd love the limelight too, baby
So be mine or don't waste my time
Cryin' - " oh Honeybear - Are you still my, my, my
baby?"
Take me for what I am
Who I was meant to be
And if you give a damn
Take me baby or leave me
No way - Can I be what I'm not
But hey - Don't you want your girl hot!?
Don't fight - Don't lose your head
Cause every night- Who's in your bed?
who?
Who's in your bed?
spoken sweetly-"kiss pookie?"

JOANNE

spoken sternly-"that wont work!"
I look before I leap
I love margins and discipline
I make lists in my sleep
Baby what's my sin?

Never quit - I follow through

I hate mess - but I love you
What to do
With my impromptu baby
So be wise
'cus This girl satisfies
You've got a prize, dont compromise
You're one lucky baby
Take me for what I am

MAUREEN
spoken- "A control freak"

JOANNE
Who I was meant to be

MAUREEN
spoken- "A snob - yet over-attentive"

JOANNE
And if you give a damn

MAUREEN
spoken loudly-"A loveable, droll geek"

JOANNE
Take me baby or leave me

MAUREEN
yelled-"And anal retentive"

BOTH
That's it!

JOANNE
The straw that breaks my back

BOTH
I quit!

JOANNE
Unless you take it back

BOTH
Women

MAUREEN
What is it about them?

BOTH

Can't live -
With them -
Or without them!
Take me for what I am

JOANNE 1st round-Who I was meant to be
MAUREEN 2nd round-Who i was meant to be

JOANNE-And if you give a damn, you'd better
Take me baby or leave me
MAUREEN-take me or leave me
BOTH-
Take me baby
Or leave me
Guess I'm leavin'
I'm gone!

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