

## Original Broadway Cast "Woman"

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[GRANIA]

Woman I am born  
What does "woman" mean?  
Must my dreams face scorn  
Held back and unseen

If I long for fire  
Must it stay unreal?  
Can I not desire?  
Am I not to feel?

If I ache to taste  
Am I not to try?  
If my heart says sail  
Why should I deny?  
I have my dreams  
I have made plans  
I see horizons wide as a man's  
Must I be nothing till I'm some man's wife?

Look at this face  
Does it deceive?  
Do I look made to milk and to weave?  
I will be damned to Hell if that is my life!

[GRANIA] (spoken) Blasphemy--I know, forgive me! But  
I won't take it back! I won't!

[TIERNAN] (spoken) I understand you! Somehow I  
never pictured you knitting.

[GRANIA]

I'm almost your age,  
I'm your match in size,  
I'm as skilled with swords  
And equal in most eyes

But when you have a dream  
And you're caught in its grip  
You can climb aboard a ship  
You can -  
You can for you're a man!

You can reach toward that place  
Where the earth meets the sky  
Fight a battle be brave, be true  
If you can do it, why not I?

I'm meant to fly  
Sail unrestrained  
Why is man free and woman chained?  
Is that my epitaph before I die?

I should be free  
Free to be Grace  
So I can feel the wind on my face!  
And when life beckons, I should go  
Face out the storm, not stay below  
Am I to be just woman? No! Not I!

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