

## RENT

### "Take Me Or Leave Me"

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Maureen:

Every single day,  
I walk down the street  
I hear people say: "Baby's 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!

Maureen:

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 would kill to fill your shoes!  
You love the limelight too now, baby!  
So be mine, and don't waste my time  
Cryin', "Oh honey bear are you still my, my, my baby?"

Joanne:

Don't you dare!

Maureen:

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: Kiss Pookie?!

Joanne:  
It won't 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, 'cause this girl satisfies,  
You got a prize, so don't compromise  
You're one lucky baby!!!

Joanne: Take me for what I am!  
Maureen: A control freak!  
Joanne: Who I was meant to be!  
Maureen: A snob yet over attentive!  
Joanne: And, if you give a damn!  
Maureen: A lovable droll, geek!  
Joanne: Take me baby or leave me!  
Maureen: 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!

Chorus:  
Both: Take me for what I am  
Joanne: Who I was meant to be  
Maureen: Who I was meant to be  
And, if you give a damn  
Joanne: and if you give a damn you better  
Take me baby, (Maureen Spoken: Oh take me baby!) or  
leave me  
Maureen: take me or leave me  
Both: Take me baby, or leave me  
Spoken: Guess I'm leaving, I'm gone!

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