

## **Rodney Atkins**

# **"The Man I Am Today"**

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When I was smaller, wishing I was taller  
I woke up one morning and my mama was gone  
I tried to talk to my father, he told me not to bother him  
He said, "Boy being a man means being strong  
Now leave me alone?"

So you say you wanna see behind this curtain  
You wanna know why I don't show it when I'm hurting  
It never did me any good before, so long ago I locked  
that door  
But please don't think I'm pushing you away  
It's just the man I am today

Before I was loved by you, girl, I didn't know how to  
'Cause love was nothing to me but a four letter word  
But I've learnt being strong, don't mean being alone  
So baby just hold on and soon you're gonna know  
The man I'll be tomorrow

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that door  
But please don't think I'm pushing you away  
It's just the man I am today  
The man I am today

I don't wanna stay this way  
I ain't gonna stay this way  
The man I am today  
I ain't gonna stay this way

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