

## **Man Of La Mancha Soundtrack**

### **"Aldonza"**

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DON QUIXOTE

My lady...

ALDONZA

I am not your lady!...

I am not any kind of a lady!

I was spawned in a ditch

By a mother who left me there,

Naked and cold and too hungry to cry;

I never blamed her.

I'm sure she left hoping

That I'd have the good sense to die!

Then, of course, there's my father...

I'm told that young ladies

Can point to their fathers

With maidenly pride;

Mine was some regiment

Here for an hour,

I can't even tell you which side!

So of course I became,

As befitted my delicate birth,

The most casual bride

Of the murdering scum of the earth!

DON QUIXOTE

And still thou art my lady.

ALDONZA

And still he torments me!

How should I be a lady?

For a lady has modest and maidenly airs,

And a virtue I somehow suspect that I lack;

It's hard to remember these maidenly airs

In a stable laid flat on your back!

Won't you look at me, look at me,

God, won't you look at me!

Look at the kitchen slut reeking with sweat!

Born on a dung heap to die on a dung heap,

A strumpet men use and forget!

If you feel that you see me

Not quite at my virginal best,

Cross my palm with a coin,  
And I'll willingly show you the rest!

DON QUIXOTE  
Never deny thou art Dulcinea.

ALDONZA  
Take the clouds from your eyes  
and see me as I really am!

You have shown me the sky,  
But what good is the sky  
To a creature who'll never  
Do better than crawl?

Of all the cruel bastards  
Who've badgered and battered me,  
You are the cruelest of all!  
Can't you see what your gentle  
Insanities do to me?  
Rob me of anger and give me despair! Blows and  
abuse  
I can take and give back again,  
Tenderness I cannot bear!  
So please torture me now  
With your "Sweet Dulcineas" no more!  
I am no one! I'm nothing!  
I'm only Aldonza the whore!

DON QUIXOTE  
Now and forever thou art my lady Dulcinea!  
(Aldonza screams in despair and collapses.  
As Don Quixote lies in bed dying, his mind  
"retreats to some secret place." )

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