

## Talk to Me Now

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He said Ani, you've gotten tough  
'Cause my tone was curt  
Yeah, and when I'm approached in a dark alley  
I don't lift my skirt  
In this city  
Self-preservation is a full time occupation  
I'm determined to survive on this shore  
You know I don't avert my eyes anymore  
In a man's world  
I am a woman by birth  
And after nineteen times around I have found  
They will stop at nothing once they know what you are worth  
Talk to me now  
I played the powerless in too many dark scenes  
And I was blessed with a birth and a death  
And I guess I just want some say in between  
Don't you understand  
In the day to day  
And the face to face  
I have to act  
Just as strong as I can  
Just to preserve a place  
Where I can be who I am  
So if you still know how  
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