

Play Like A Girl

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I remember when boys told me --
You play like a girl
It's a matter of genetic history
You play like a girl
You can't be in our band
You don't play like a man
but there's one thing you can do
Teach us to play like you
Now all over this big wide world,
I play like a girl
From the California lights to the Serengetti nights
I play like a girl
When I was ten years old, I was told --
You can't play baseball
You've got to pitch underhand
You can't throw it like a man
It won't be any fun at all
Girls don't know how to have fun
Girls don't last in the long run
Girls give birth and stuff but
They're not really tough enough
Now all over this big wide world
I play like a girl
From the California lights to the Serengetti nights
I play like a girl
Don't want to be Elvis
Mickey Mantle or Babe
This isn't a contest
I just want to make some music
Have a good time while I do it
I don't need permission
to change this tradition
When they tell me "you can't play"
I just turn my back and say
Now all over this big wide world
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