

# Take Me Or Leave Me

## Original Broadway Cast

MAUREEN

Every single day  
I walk down the street  
I hear people say,  
"Baby 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  
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'd kill to fill your shoes  
You'd love the limelight too, baby  
So be mine or don't waste my time  
Cryin' - " oh Honeybear - Are you still my, my, my 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  
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 sweetly-"kiss pookie?"

JOANNE

spoken sternly-"that wont 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  
'cus This girl satisfies  
You've got a prize, dont compromise  
You're one lucky baby  
Take me for what I am

MAUREEN

spoken- "A control freak"

JOANNE

Who I was meant to be

MAUREEN  
spoken- "A snob - yet over-attentive"

JOANNE  
And if you give a damn

MAUREEN  
spoken loudly-"A loveable, droll geek"

JOANNE  
Take me baby or leave me

MAUREEN  
yelled-"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!  
Take me for what I am

JOANNE 1st round-Who I was meant to be  
MAUREEN 2nd round-Who i was meant to be

JOANNE-And if you give a damn, you'd better  
Take me baby or leave me  
MAUREEN-take me or leave me  
BOTH-  
Take me baby  
Or leave me  
Guess I'm leavin'  
I'm gone!