

# He Made a Woman Out of Me

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I was born on a levy  
A little bit south of Montgomery  
Mama worked in the big house  
And, daddy, he worked for the county

I never had no learning  
Until I turned sixteen  
When Joe Henry come up the river  
Lord, made a woman out of me  
(Yes, he did)  
Lord, he made a woman out of me

I used to tease Joe Henry  
I guess it served me right  
Wasn't long till he left me  
Crying out in the night

Joe Henry had his say  
He wouldn't set me free  
I'm here to tell everybody  
That the man made a woman out of me  
Lord, he made a woman out of me

When I think back  
To that day so long ago  
I get a little feeling  
On my mind

Although it hurt me  
There's one thing I know  
When he left, he left him  
A woman behind

When I meet another young man  
Wanting to love and run  
My mind goes back to Joe Henry James  
And the heck of a job he done

Ain't no other man let me down  
You see I been set free  
Ever since way back yonder  
When Joe made a woman out of me  
(Yes, he did)

Lord, he made a woman out of me  
(He made a woman)  
Lord, he made a woman out of me  
Joe made a woman out of me

Lord, he made a woman out of me  
(Yes, he did)  
Joe made a woman out of me  
(He made a woman)  
Oh, he made a woman out of me