

# Oughta Be a Woman

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Wash - ing the floors\_\_ to send\_\_ you\_\_ to col - lege,

*mp*

Doo doo doo doo\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_ doo doo doo.

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Stay - ing at home\_\_ so\_\_ you can feel safe\_\_

Doo doo doo doo\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_ doo doo doo.

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\_\_ What do you think\_\_ is the

Doo doo doo doo\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_ doo doo doo.

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soul\_\_ of her know-ledge? What do you think\_\_ that makes\_\_

Doo doo doo doo\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_ doo doo doo.

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\_\_ her feel safe?\_\_

Doo doo doo doo\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_ doo doo doo.

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Bit - ing her \_\_\_ lips and low \_\_\_

Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo.

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\_\_\_ - er - ing her eyes \_\_\_ to make sure there's \_\_\_ food \_\_\_

Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo.

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\_\_\_ on the ta - ble. \_\_\_

Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo.

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What do you think \_\_\_ would be her \_\_\_ sur - prise If the

Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo.

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world was as will \_\_\_ - ing as \_\_\_ she is

Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo.

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a - ble?

Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo.

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Hug - ging her - self in an old kitch - en chair,

Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo.

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She lis - tens to your hurt and your rage,

Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo.

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What do you think she

Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo.

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knows of des - pair? What do you think is

Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo.

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the ach - ing of age?

Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo.

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The fa - thers, the child -

Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo.

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-ren, the broth - ers Turn to her, and

Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo.

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eve - ry - bod - y white turns to her.

Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo.

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What a - bout her turn -

Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo.

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- ing a - round a - lone in the

Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo.

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ev - er - y day light.

Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo.

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There ought - a be a wo

Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo.

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- man can break down, sit down,

Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo.

49

break down, sit down.

Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo.

51

Like eve - ry - bod - y else, call it

Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo.

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quits on Mon - day, Blues on Tues - day, sleep\_

Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo.

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break\_ - down, \_ sit down. \_

Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo.

59

A way out\_ of no\_

Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_\_\_ doo doo doo.

61

way is flesh out of flesh,

Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo.

63

Is cour - age that

Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo.

65

cries out at night;

Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo.

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A way out of no

Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo.

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way is flesh out of flesh,

Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo.

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Is bra - ver - y kept out of sight.

Doo doo doo doo\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_ doo doo doo.

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A way out of no

Doo doo doo doo\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_ doo doo doo.

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way is too much to ask,

Doo doo doo doo\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_ doo doo doo.

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Too much of a task for an - y one wo - man.

Doo doo doo doo\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_ doo doo doo.

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Doo doo doo doo\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_ doo doo doo. Doo doo doo doo\_ doo doo doo.