I could raise the crap from the earth I could raise my children from birth But when I'm looking for work
They say that job ain't for her
I could be a good man's wife
I could give a new child life
But when I fight for my rights
They say no woman, no cry

But I ain't giving up I can't count on love

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I show up so early
They show me no mercy
So I just keep working
Maybe God could save me
Or my boss might pay me
Right now no one serves me
Maybe their hands are dirty, dirty, dirty?

I could lead impossible missions
Occupy the highest position
But when I ask them to listen
They disregard my opinion
Well, I ain't askin' no more
I will command the floor
I'm breaking every glass ceiling
I'm building skyscraping buildings

And when that next storm comes I'll do what I always done

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Or are their hands just dirty, dirty, dirty?

And I have seen the other side of the mountain Where every queen will be afforded her throne And I will stand beside my sisters
And all persistent resisters
They'll say I knew it would come true
And I'll say "darling, me too"

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