

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 at the big house
And daddy he worked for the County

I never had no learnin'
Until I turned 16
When Joe Henry come up the river, y'all
And made a woman out of me
Lord, he made a woman outta me

I used to tease Joe Henry
I guess I teased to hard
And one day it all happened
Right in my own backyard

Joe Henry had his way
He wouldn't set me free
I fear to tell everybody
That the man made a woman outta me
Lord, he made a woman outta me

When I think back to that day
So long ago
I get a little feelin' on my mind
Even though it hurt me
There's one thing I know
When he left, he left him a woman behind

When I meet another young man
Wantin' to love and run
My mind goes back to Joe Henry James
And a 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 outta me

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