

# Alicia Keys, Raise A Man

Marble in a foyer  
I've been lovin' on you all day  
Would've stayed if you told me to stay  
As you can see, I stayed anyway  
I'm just not like these other girls,  
I swear I just have to love you  
I just wanna need you if that's ok  
And you're just not like these other men out here  
No, no  
You just wanna hold me, and that's ok  
Can I be a woman for you, baby  
In a time when it's not allowed?  
How am I supposed to pretend  
That I don't want you the way  
I do?  
'Cause every time you're around me  
I feel virgin all over again  
And every time you're all around me  
How can I renege?  
Boy, I just need your hand

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is it ok that I  
is it ok that I show weakness?  
is it ok that I  
is it ok to can't wait to see ou?  
is it ok that I  
is it ok to love a man right now?

if you understand  
then show me oyur hands  
show me your hands  
boy, if you understand  
somebody raise a man  
raise a man

I;ve never treated a way  
I didn't wanna be treated  
it's hard to explain  
I know it's hard to believe  
I want what's coming to me  
perfection, protection, pleae love  
with me all night long  
making love to our favourite song  
your love teaches me how to love  
so deep, baby  
it's so sweet  
can't wait to pass you down  
the fact that resembles you and me

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somebody made a man  
to show me how to raise a man  
raise a man  
you can't be a man  
if you don't raise a man  
raise a man  
if you don't raise a man  
then you gotta raise a man  
raise a man  
if you understand  
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