

# Mary J. Blige, Take Me As I Am

[Verse 1:]

She's been down and out  
She's been wrote about  
She's been talked about, constantly  
She's been up and down  
She's been pushed around  
But they held her down, NYC  
She has no regrets  
She accepts the past  
All these things they  
helped make to make she  
She's been lost and found  
And she's still around  
There's a reason for everything

You know I've been holdin on.  
Try to make me weak,  
But I still stay strong.  
Put my life all up in these songs  
Jus so you can feel me.

[Chorus:]

So take me as I am,  
or have nothing at all.  
Just take me as I am,  
or have nothing at all.

[Verse 2:]

Now she's older now  
Yes, she's wiser now  
Can't disguise her now  
She don't need  
No one tellin her  
What to do and say  
No one tellin her  
Who to be  
She's on solid ground  
She's been lost and found  
Now, she answers to G-O-D  
And she's confident  
This is not the end  
Ask me how I know  
Cause she is me.

You know I've been holdin on.  
Try to make me weak,  
But I still stay strong.  
Put my life all up in these songs  
Jus so you can feel me.

[Chorus:]

So take me as I am,  
or have nothing at all.  
Just take me as I am,  
or have nothing at all.

[Bridge: 2x]

So it's all or nothing at all,  
All or nothing at all  
Don't you know I can only be me.  
(I can only be me, yeah)

[Chorus:]

So take me as I am,

or have nothing at all.  
Just take me as I am,  
or have nothing at all.

Take me as I am.  
Take me as I am.  
Said it's all or nothing at all  
Said it's all or nothing at all

Just take me as I am,  
or have nothing at all. (This is me)  
Just take me as I am, (take me as i am)  
or have nothing at all.  
Just take me as I am, (take me as i am)  
or have nothing, nothing at all.  
Take me as I am.