

# Mahalia

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A hard rain is falling  
Trouble is clouding my mind  
No one's at home waiting for me  
And I can't find the reason or rhyme

I hear you sing "How I Got Over"  
And straight into my heart your voice lands  
So I move in a little closer  
Cause you make me feel like I can

Mahalia, Mahalia, I'm reaching back now to you  
Mahalia, Mahalia, you were a woman, too

When you travelled this world  
You moved mountains  
You answered the call when it came through  
But I wonder, did you have a shoulder  
To lean on when your long day was through?

Mahalia, Mahalia, I'm reaching back now to you  
Mahalia, Mahalia, you were a woman, too

And you gave to a world that never had your back  
The balm, the balm, the very Balm of Gilead

Mahalia, oh, Mahalia, I'm reaching back now to you  
Mahalia, Mahalia, you were a woman  
You were a woman  
You you were a woman, too