

# The Tempest

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I walked through hell on my own two feet  
I saw the devil and the devil saw me  
I don't cry no more, I bare my teeth  
I'm coming for you only dead men sleep

I was nine years old when I got cat called  
My mama said "it's not your fault"  
These are quiet things we don't talk about  
In the heat of summer the wolves come out

I sing to keep my spirit safe  
The wind, the sea, the hurricane  
How many times the boat did break  
I'm a tough motherfucker and no dead men wake

You don't even know me, but you want to tell me  
How to use my body, if my body was a gun  
You'd care about me, you'd care about me

Don't deny me, it's not your body  
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It's not your body

I was sixteen when I learned to cut my throat  
Just to give my voice to a bad man's joke  
I'm only one woman but I'm not alone  
We're coming for you from every coast

I was born in a tempest violently  
They did what they did but they couldn't break me  
I'm a woman with a grudge for my sanity  
I made it this long by the skin of my teeth

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You don't even know me, but you want to tell me  
How to use my body, if my body was a gun  
You'd give a shit about me, give a shit about me  
Give a shit about me, give a sh-

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Vapid, dumb, shrill, hysterical  
Vapid, dumb, shrill, hysterical  
Vapid, dumb, shrill, hysterical  
Vapid, dumb, shrill, hysterical...

Go ask your captor if it's just a magic trick  
There's no mistaking it, pain is the benefit  
I never asked to be somebody's enemy  
I guess freedom means you get to kill by policy

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Oh it's my body, it's my body, it's my body