

Strong enough

Sheryl Crow

God, I feel like hell tonight
Tears of rage I cannot fight
I'd be the last to help you understand
Are you strong enough to be my man?

Nothing's true and nothing's right
So let me be alone tonight
Cause you can't change the way I am
Are you strong enough to be my man?

Lie to me
I promise I'll believe
Lie to me
But please don't leave

I have a face I cannot show
I make the rules up as I go
It's try and love me if you can
Are you strong enough to be my man?

When I've shown you that I just don't care
When I'm throwing punches in the air
When I'm broken down and I can't stand
Will you be strong enough to be my man?

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For both poems:

- How does the speaker see herself?
- What language and structure are used to get this self-image across?
- Who is the speaker speaking to (characterize!) and what is she trying to say to this person?
- How does she try to convince / explain her position? (language, structure)

Compare: Differences and parallels?

Bitch

Meredith Brooks

I hate the world today
You're so good to me, I know
But I can't change

I tried to tell you but
You look at me like maybe
I'm an angel underneath
- Innocent and sweet

Yesterday I cried,
Must have been relieved to
see the softer side
I can understand why you are
so confused I don't envy you
I'm a little bit of everything
all rolled into one

I'm a bitch, I'm a lover,
I'm a child, I'm a mother,
I'm a sinner, I'm a saint,
I do not feel ashamed,
I'm your hell, I'm your dream,
I am nothing in between,
You know you wouldn't want it any other way

So take me as I am
this may mean you'll have to be a stronger
man
rest assured that when I start to get you
nervous and I'm going to extremes
Tomorrow I will change and today won't mean
a thing

I'm a bitch, I'm a lover ...

Just when you think
You got me figured out
The season's already changin'
I think its cool
You do what you do
And don't try to change me

I'm a bitch, I'm a lover, ...

I'm a bitch, I'm a tease,
I'm a goddess, on my knees,
When you hurt, when you suffer,
I'm your angel under cover

I'm a nun - I'm revived
Can't say I'm not alive
You know I wouldn't want it any other way

