

**I am a Woman**  
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I matter  
Because I am a woman  
I am a descendant  
Of Daughters of the Revolution,  
Of Suffragettes,  
Of Rosie the Riveters,  
Of Feminists.  
I matter because I am a feminist  
I matter because I am worth a dollar  
Not 83 cents.

I am more than just my body  
I am brain  
I am beauty  
And I am both  
And that is okay  
Because I am a woman.

I matter because  
I rock pants  
And  
I strut in heels  
I matter because I am a woman

I am a woman  
I have the power of  
Goddesses and queens  
Pumping through my veins  
I have the power to bring life into this world  
To nurture it  
To protect it  
And above all else, to love it  
Because I am a woman  
I have been trusted with such a gift

I matter because I fight  
To love  
To choose  
To say No  
I am a woman  
Hear me Roar  
I am lucky  
Because I am a woman  
I am a woman  
Because I matter.