**Raised by Women**

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I was raised by

Chitterling eating

Vegetarian cooking

Cornbread so good you want to lay

down and die baking

"Go on baby, get yo’self a plate"

Kind of Women.

Some thick haired

Angela Davis afro styling

"Girl, lay back

and let me scratch yo head"

Sorta Women.

Some big legged

High yellow, mocha brown

Hip shaking

Miniskirt wearing

Hip huggers hugging

Daring debutantes

Groovin

"I know I look good"

Type of Women.

Some tea sipping

White glove wearing

Got married too soon

Divorced

in just the nick of time

"Better say yes ma’am to me"

Type of sisters.

Some fingerpopping

Boogaloo dancing

Say it loud

I’m black and I’m proud

James Brown listening

"Go on girl shake that thing"

Kind of Sisters.

Some face slapping

Hands on hips

"Don't mess with me,

Pack your bags and

get the hell out of my house"

Sorta women

Some PhD toten

Poetry writing

Portrait painting

"I'll see you in court"

World traveling

Stand back, I'm creating

Type of queens

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