

Don't try to change me
a song by Alan Smith Robertson

VERSE 1

She said that she wanted a _____ man
_____, _____ with family plans
_____ and _____ and _____
I told her that man didn't exist

CHORUS

So don't try to change the way I am
I know that I'm not _____ and I don't give a damn
Don't try to change me, I'm _____
Don't you try to change me, you won't succeed

VERSE 2

She said I was _____, that's how she began
_____, that I don't understand
She told me I'm _____, and that I live like a pig
She said I'm _____, an _____ freak

BRIDGE

Why should I care what others think? What's the big deal?
Why do you care what they think of me? Why do you worry?

VERSE 3

I told her she wasn't that much of a catch
_____ and _____, first she's _____ then

I said she was _____ and so _____
She insisted she wasn't, 'cause she's _____ too

Listen again, think, analyze and answer.

The girl in the song wanted a man who is generous, hardworking, outgoing, strong, reliable and sensitive. Does that man exist? Or do you think that the girl in the song was a bit too ambitious?

What qualities do you look for in a partner or friend? What qualities do you hate in other people?

The third verse begins with the phrase “I told her she wasn’t that much of a catch”. What do you think the expression “to be a catch” or “to be a good catch” means?

A lot of the adjectives which describe the man and the woman in this song are cliches; they reflect the stereotype that men are selfish, unsympathetic and lazy, or that women are moody, jealous and stubborn. Do you agree with these stereotypes? What other stereotypes are there?