

Woman

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I'm chasing a thread
Flaxen and fine
To spin me a web
Of tune and rhyme
Something that heals
Or has a story to impart
Yet never reveals
My inmost heart

Chorus 1: Don't mind the woman behind the words
 Although she's aching to be heard
 She's been told that she's absurd
 And second-rated
 The woman behind the words
 The woman behind the words

With open hands
I catch and release
Each candle fly
Of my legacy
My thanks again
To those who made the choice
To take them all in
And give these songs a voice...just...

Chorus 2: Don't mind the woman behind the words
 Although she's aching to be heard
 She's seen her share of the absurd
 And now she's jaded
 The woman behind the words
 The woman behind the words

Chorus 3: Don't mind the woman behind the words
Although she's aching to be heard
She's laughed 'til she cried at the absurd
And now she's faded
The woman behind the words
The woman behind the words