

## A Majority of One

Refuse my hand, step on my toes  
Insult me to my face  
I will still choose which paths are mine  
To travel the human race

You might steal what is mine  
You might slander my name  
Abuse my right to pursue fortune or fame

But I am not yours  
So without my consent  
You cannot buy me ... you cannot even rent

As long as I have my mind and a voice  
I will continue to exercise my right of choice  
In serious affairs where disputes have begun  
That deciding vote is a majority of one

In matters of taste behave like seaweed  
That won't cut you ... won't make you bleed  
But on principles you must stand like a rock  
Show your belief in your talk ... in your walk

I am the man or woman beguiled  
With a steadfast calm amid all that goes wild

Keep your conviction  
Work hard and know fun ... do not forget  
The ultimate majority of one

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